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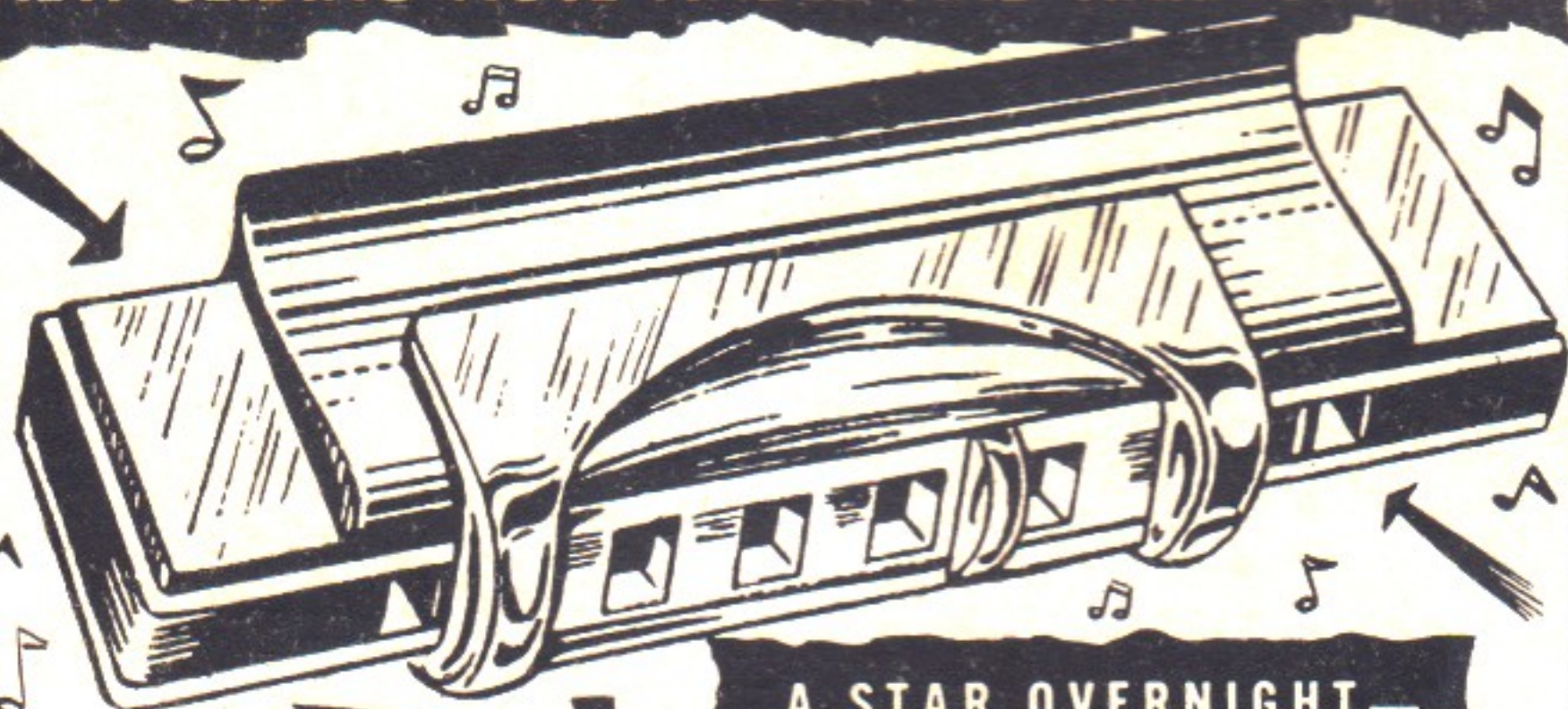


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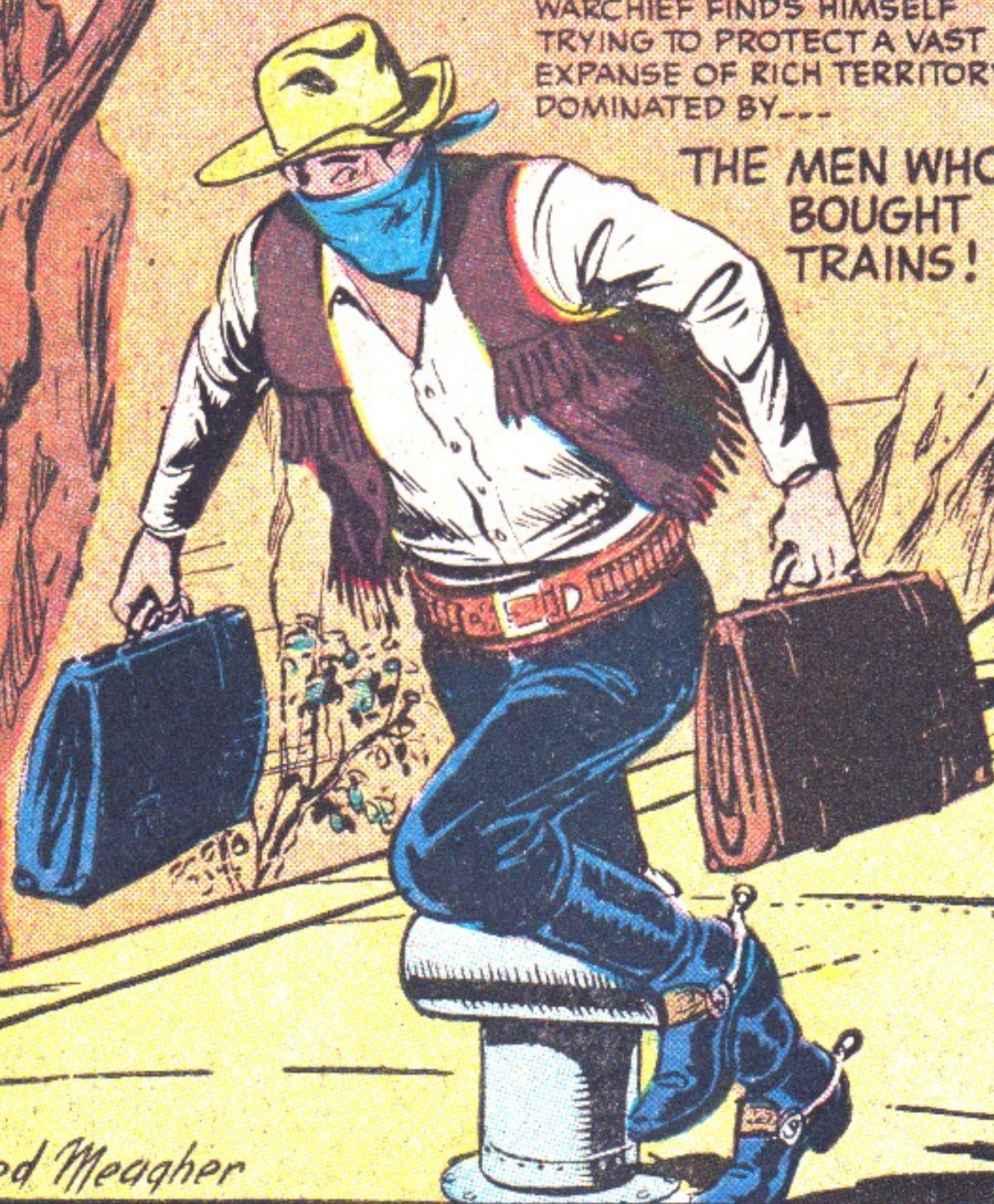
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STRAIGHT ARROW

WHEN TOY TRAINS BEGIN TO DIS-
APPEAR FROM A SHOPKEEPER'S
SHELVES IN SAWTOOTH JUNCTION...
WHEN OUTLAWS AND BADMEN BEGIN
PLAYING WITH THESE TOYS... AND
WHEN **STRAIGHT ARROW**
DISCOVERS THAT A BAND OF
DARING TRAIN-ROBBERS ARE
OPERATING IN THE SUNDOWN
VALLEY COUNTRY...

THEN THE GREAT COMANCHE
WARCHIEF FINDS HIMSELF
TRYING TO PROTECT A VAST
EXPANSE OF RICH TERRITORY
DOMINATED BY...

THE MEN WHO
BOUGHT
TRAINS!



Fred Meagher

IN THE SAWTOOTH JUNCTION GENERAL STORE, STEVE
ADAMS LEARNS THAT HIS QUEST FOR A SPECIAL
BIRTHDAY GIFT IS A FAILURE...

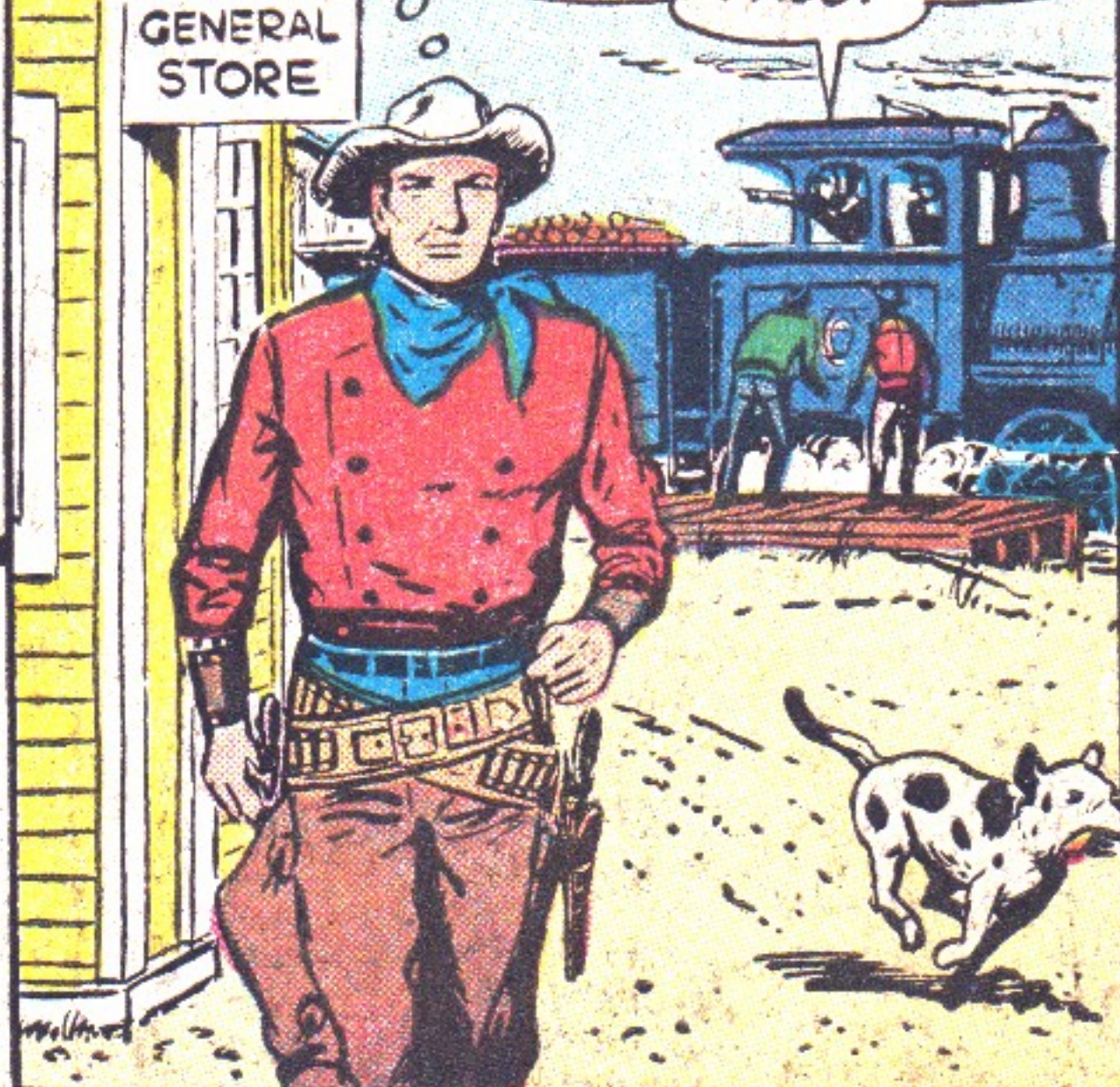
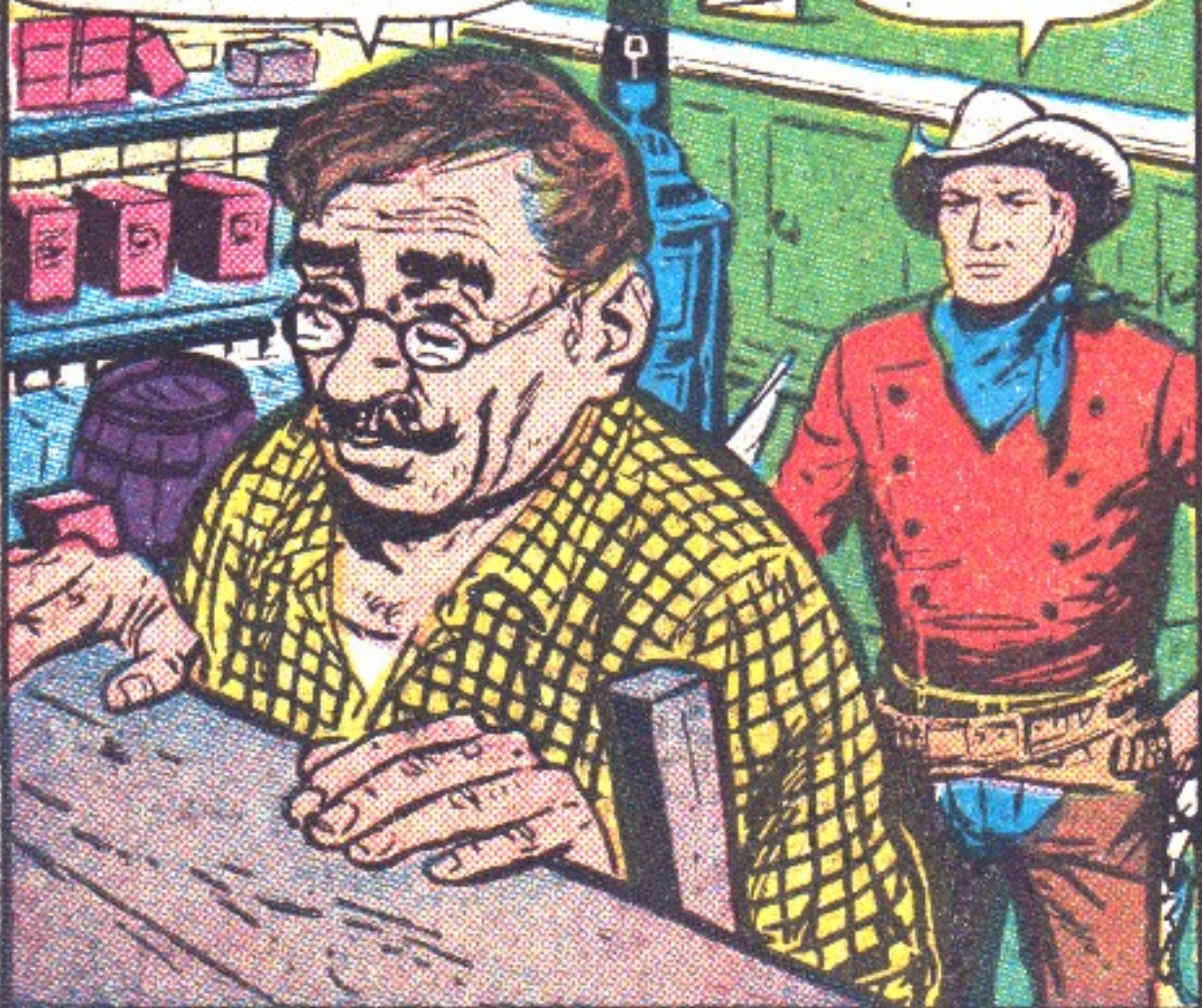
SORRY, STEVE. I SOLD
OUT EVERY LAST ONE OF
THOSE TOY TRAIN SETS...
TO GROWN MEN, TOO!

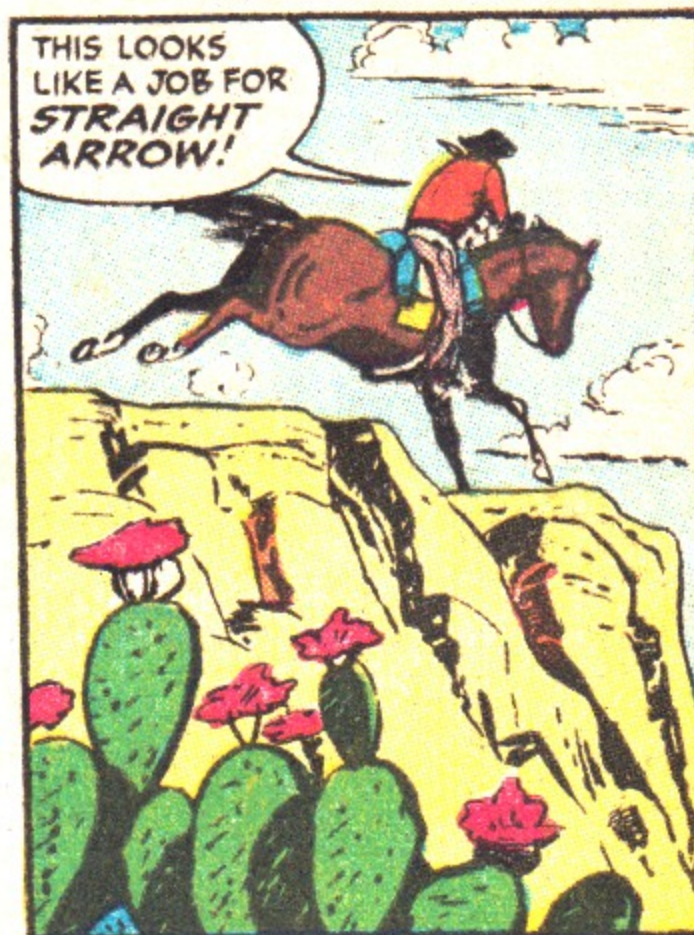
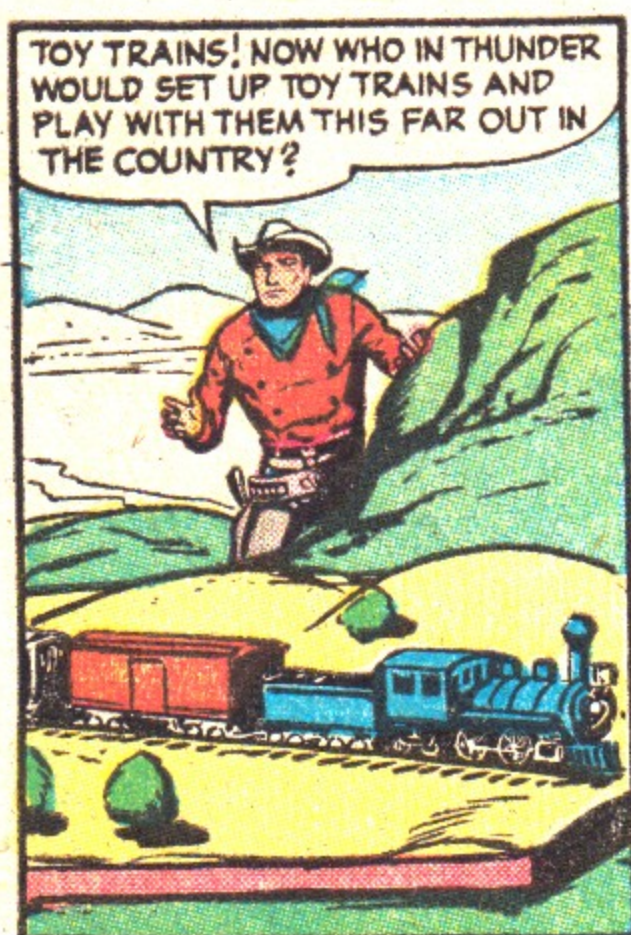
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO
THINK OF SOMETHING
ELSE FOR NAN
FELLOWS' LITTLE
BROTHER!

MAYBE HE'D LIKE A
NEW SADDLE? OR
A LASSO?

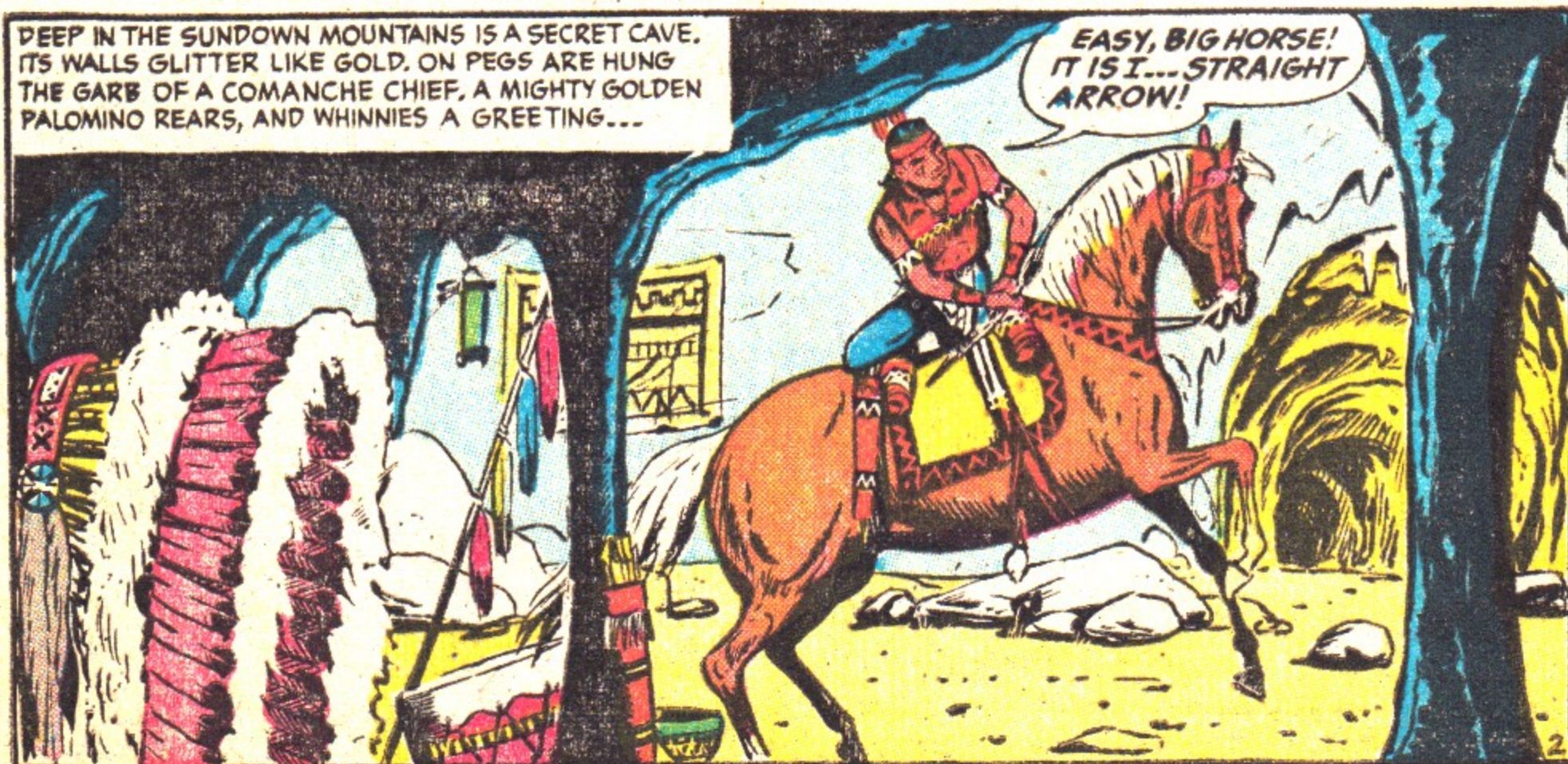
CALL THE SHERIFF! CALL
THE SHERIFF! THE TRAIN
WAS HELD UP IN RAZOR
PASS!

GENERAL
STORE





DEEP IN THE SUNDOWN MOUNTAINS IS A SECRET CAVE. ITS WALLS GLITTER LIKE GOLD. ON PEGS ARE HUNG THE GARB OF A COMANCHE CHIEF, A MIGHTY GOLDEN PALOMINO REARS, AND WHINNIES A GREETING...





KANEEWAH,
FURY!
AWAY!

A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF RAZOR
PASS REVEALS NO CLUES UNTIL...

MANY MEN CAME THIS WAY,
TRAVELLING FAST! THEY DO
NOT RIDE TOWARD TOWN, BUT
INTO THE BADLANDS!

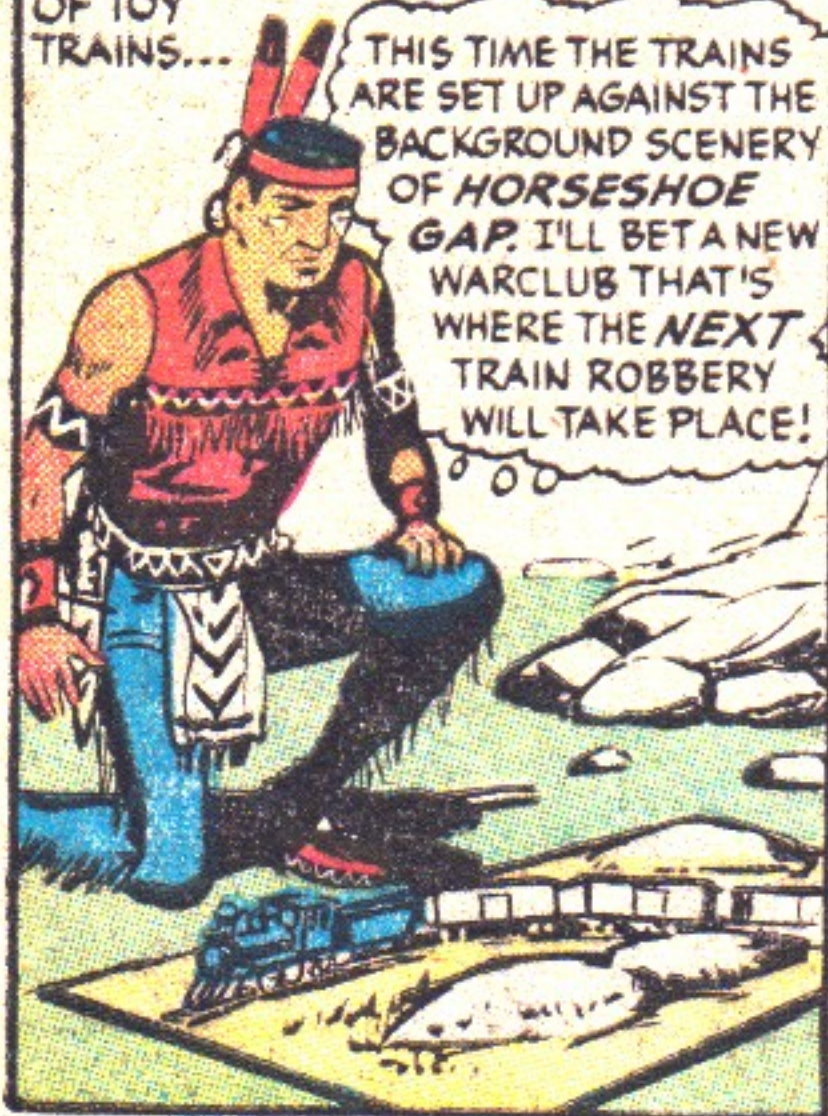


NO HONEST
MEN WOULD
RIDE OUT HERE!
THIS IS WHERE THE
TRAIN-ROBBERS
CAME AFTER THE
ROBBERY...



AN HOUR LATER, THE GREAT COMANCHE
WARCHIEF COMES ON ANOTHER SET
OF TOY
TRAINS...

THIS TIME THE TRAINS
ARE SET UP AGAINST THE
BACKGROUND SCENERY
OF HORSESHOE
GAP. I'LL BET A NEW
WARCLUB THAT'S
WHERE THE NEXT
TRAIN ROBBERY
WILL TAKE PLACE!

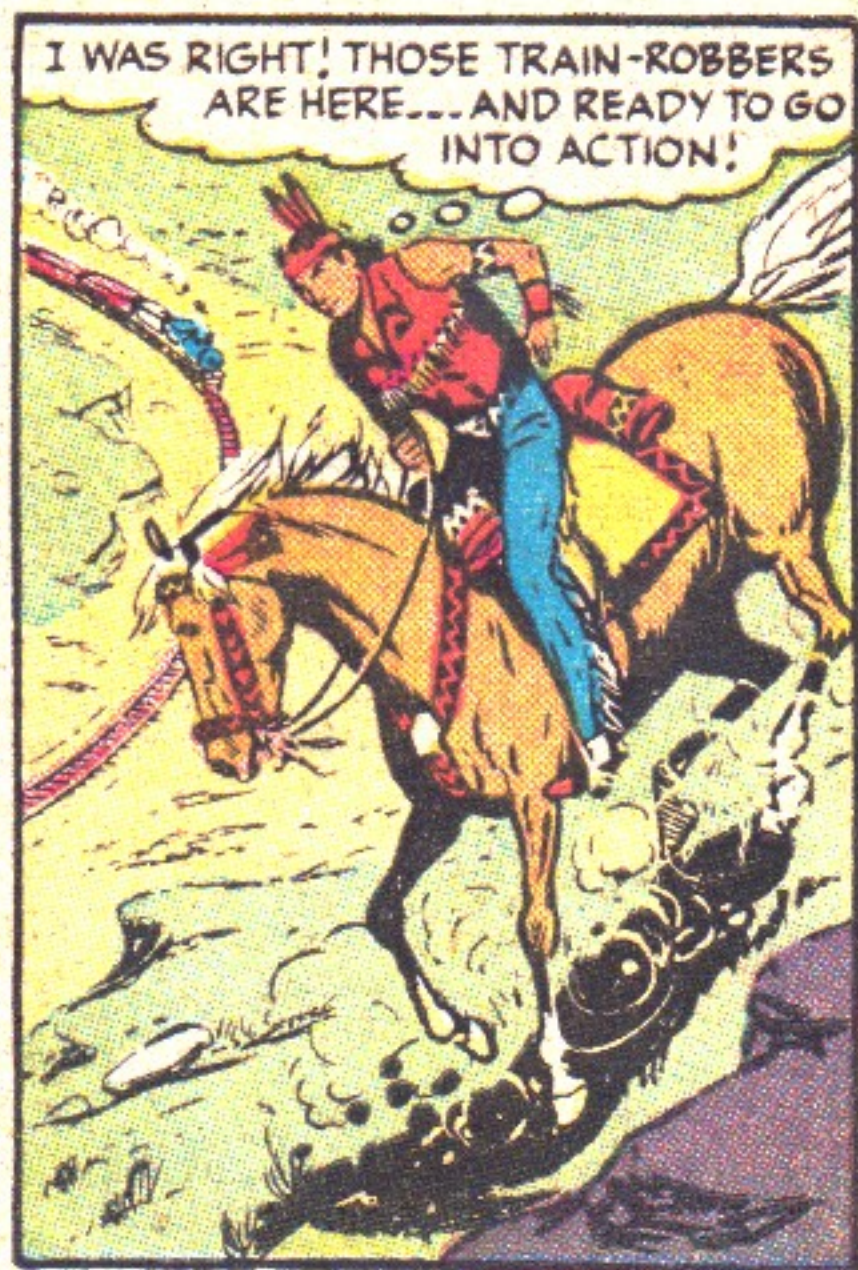


AND AT HORSESHOE GAP...

HERE SHE COMES! GET
READY TO CLIMB ABOARD
WHEN SHE PULLS TO A
STOP!

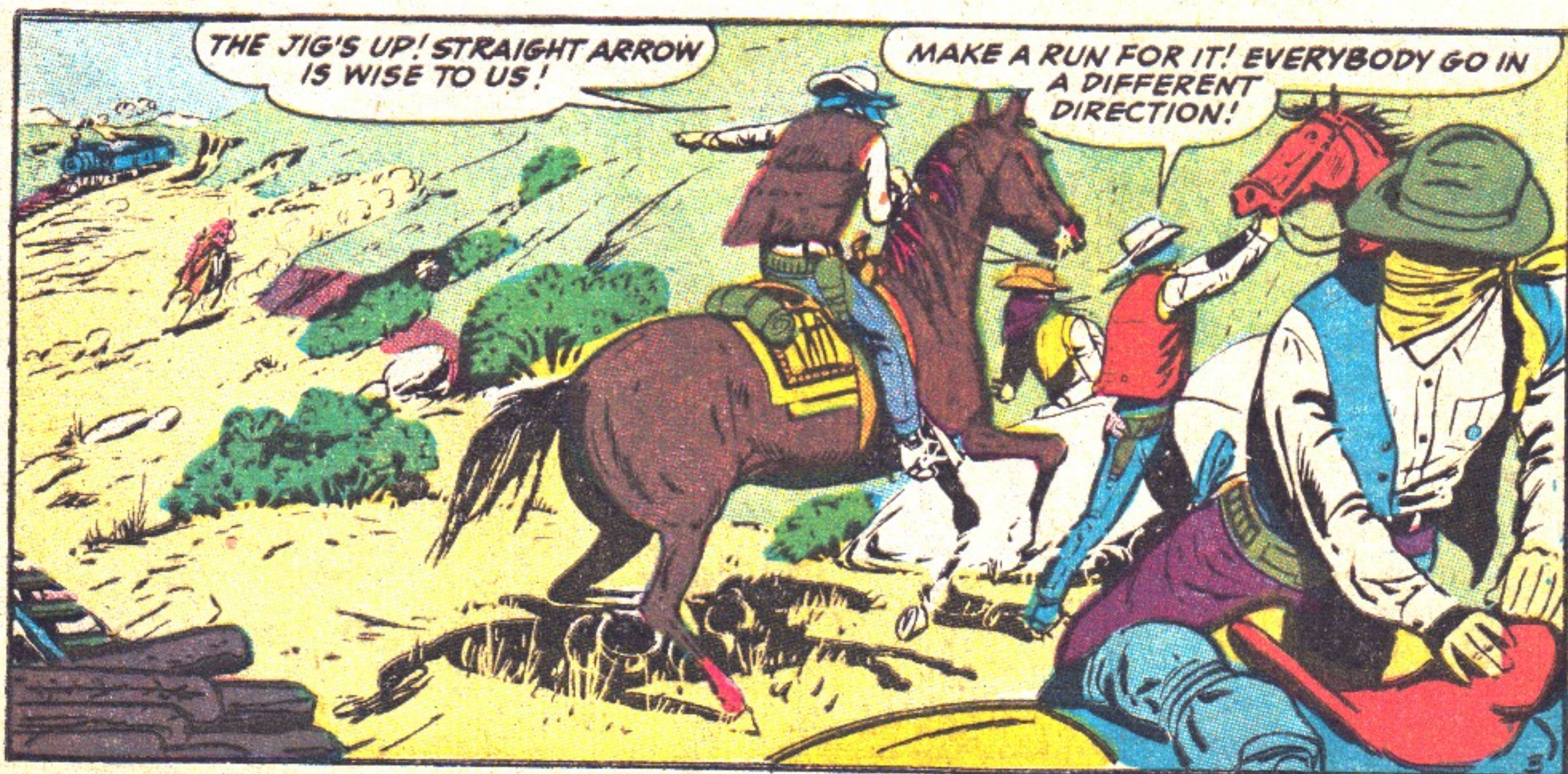


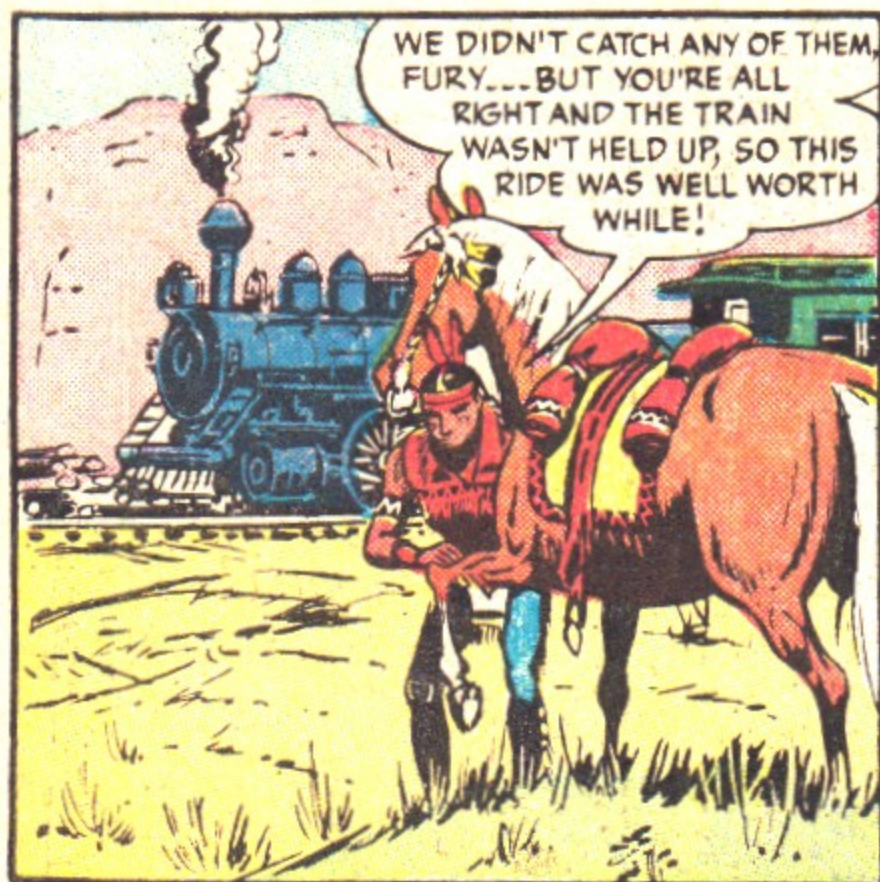
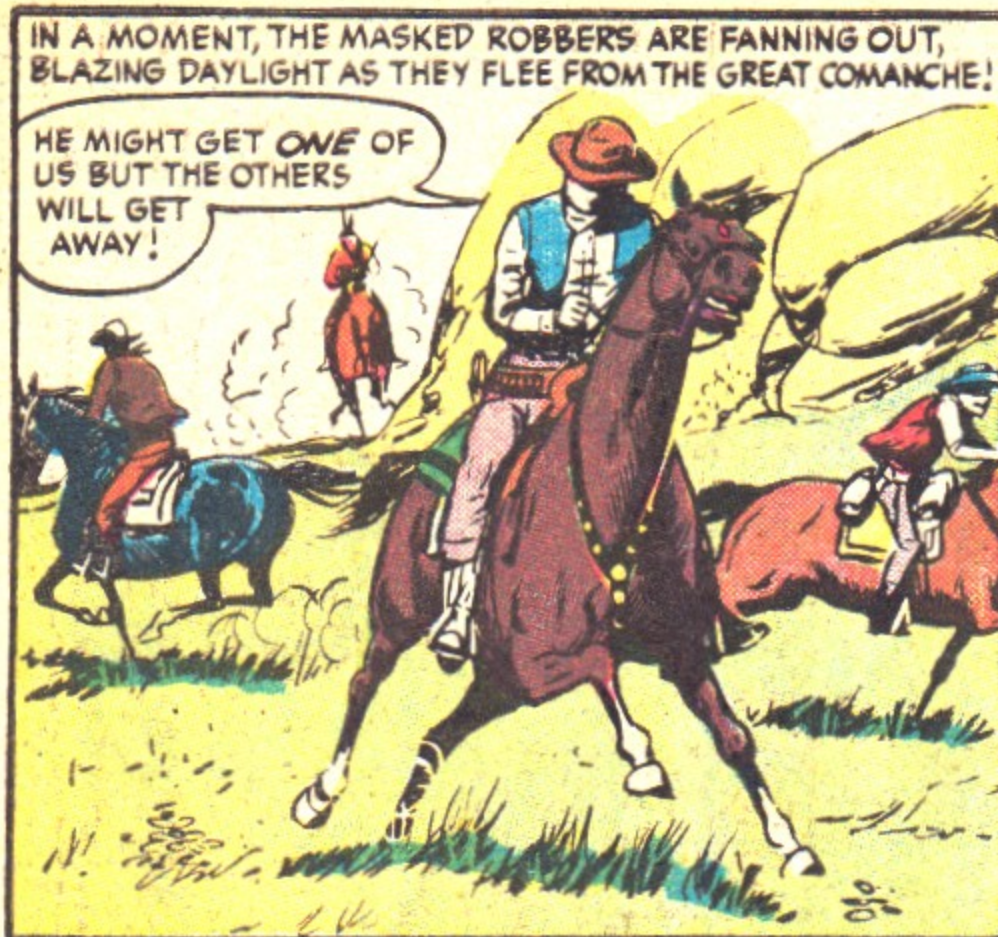
I WAS RIGHT! THOSE TRAIN-ROBBERS
ARE HERE... AND READY TO GO
INTO ACTION!

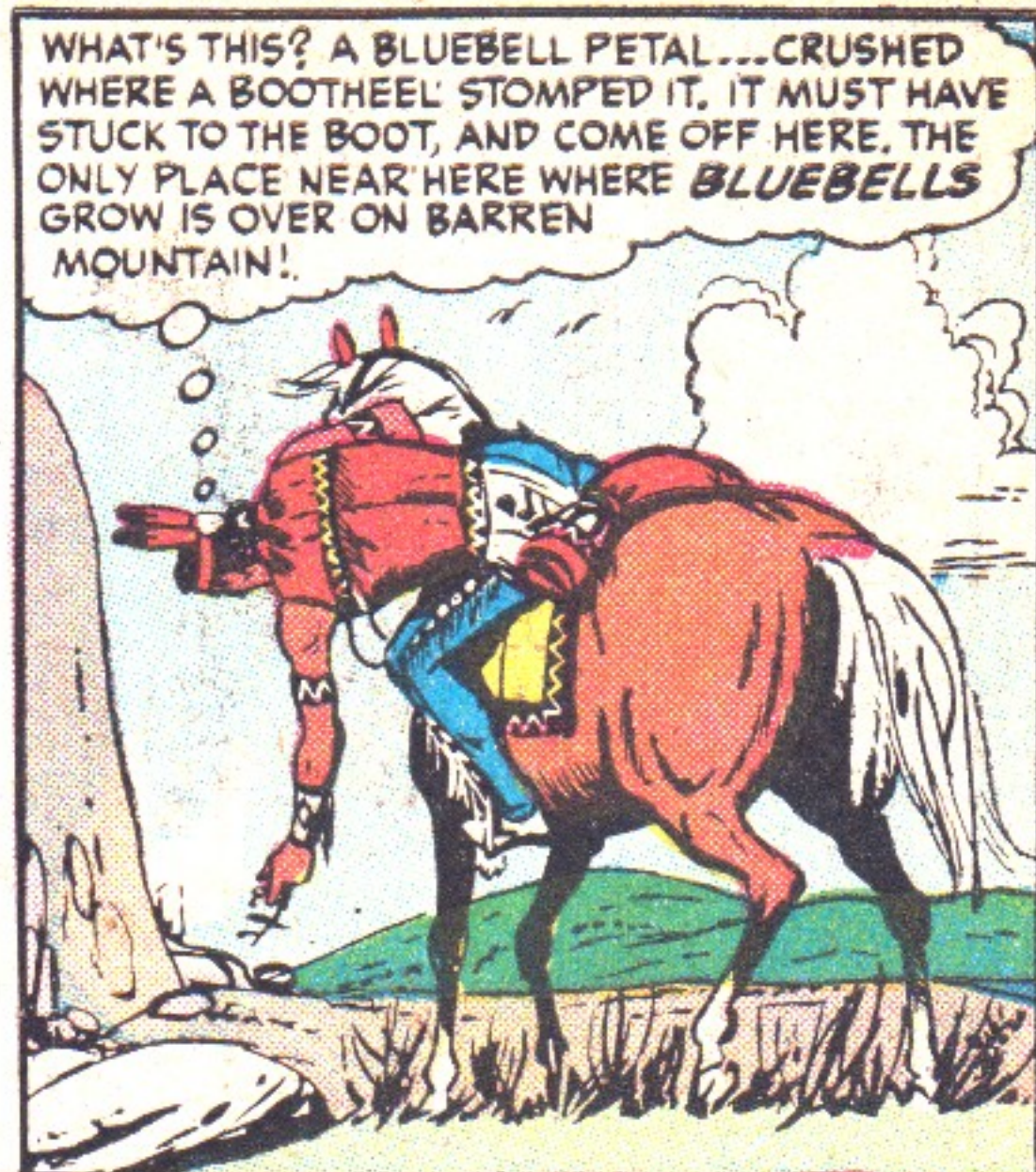
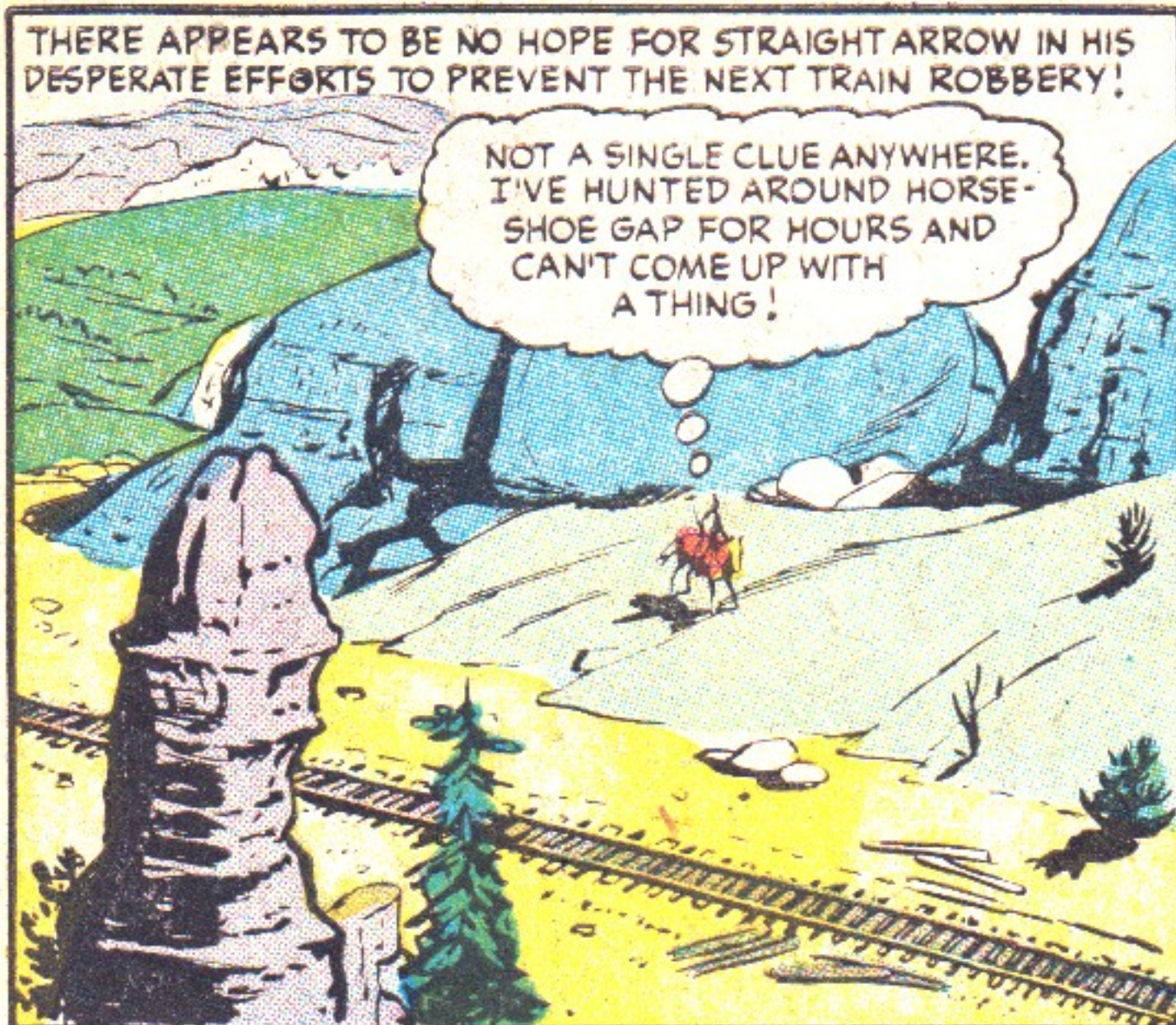


THE JIG'S UP! STRAIGHT ARROW
IS WISE TO US!

MAKE A RUN FOR IT! EVERYBODY GO IN
A DIFFERENT
DIRECTION!









AT THAT VERY MOMENT... I GUESSED RIGHT! THE ROBBERS ARE ALREADY ABOARD... NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO STOP THEM!



STRAIGHT ARROW!



HA! HA! STRAIGHT ARROW CAUGHT UP WITH US... BUT HE WAS TOO LATE TO STOP US!

HE GOT LUKE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET AWAY!



AS THE TRAIN ROBBERS LEAP INTO THEIR SADDLES, THEIR BRONCS ERUPT FURIOUSLY UNDER THEM...

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?

OUR BRONCS HAVE ALL GONE LOCO!



YOUR HORSES ARE NOT LOCO! I MERELY FOUND THEM WHERE YOU LEFT THEM... AND PUT CACTUS BURRS UNDER THEIR SADDLES. WHEN YOU PRESSED THOSE BURRS IN AS YOU PUT YOUR WEIGHT IN THE SADDLES, YOUR HORSES *RESENTED* IT! LET'S GET GOING!

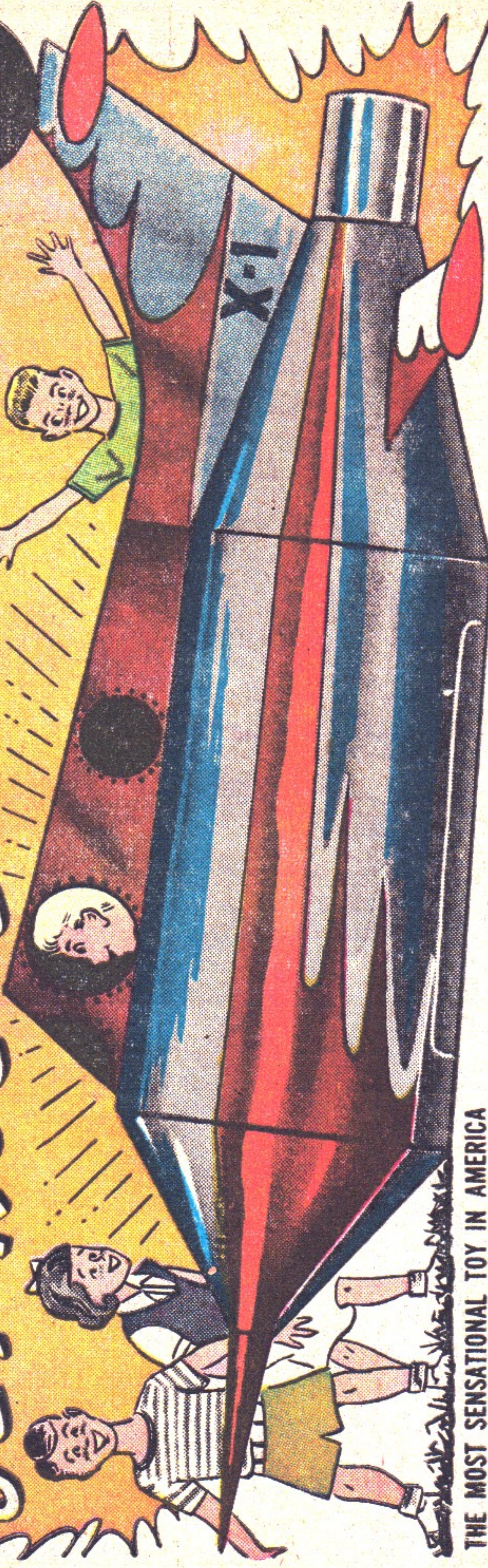


LATER, STEVE ADAMS GIVES TWO BIRTHDAY PRESENTS TO NAN FELLOWS' BROTHER...

TWO TRAIN SETS? WOW! AND WAIT'LL THE FELLAS HEAR THAT STRAIGHT ARROW USED THESE TO HELP CATCH THOSE TRAIN-ROBBERS! I'LL BE THE MOST POPULAR KID IN TOWN!

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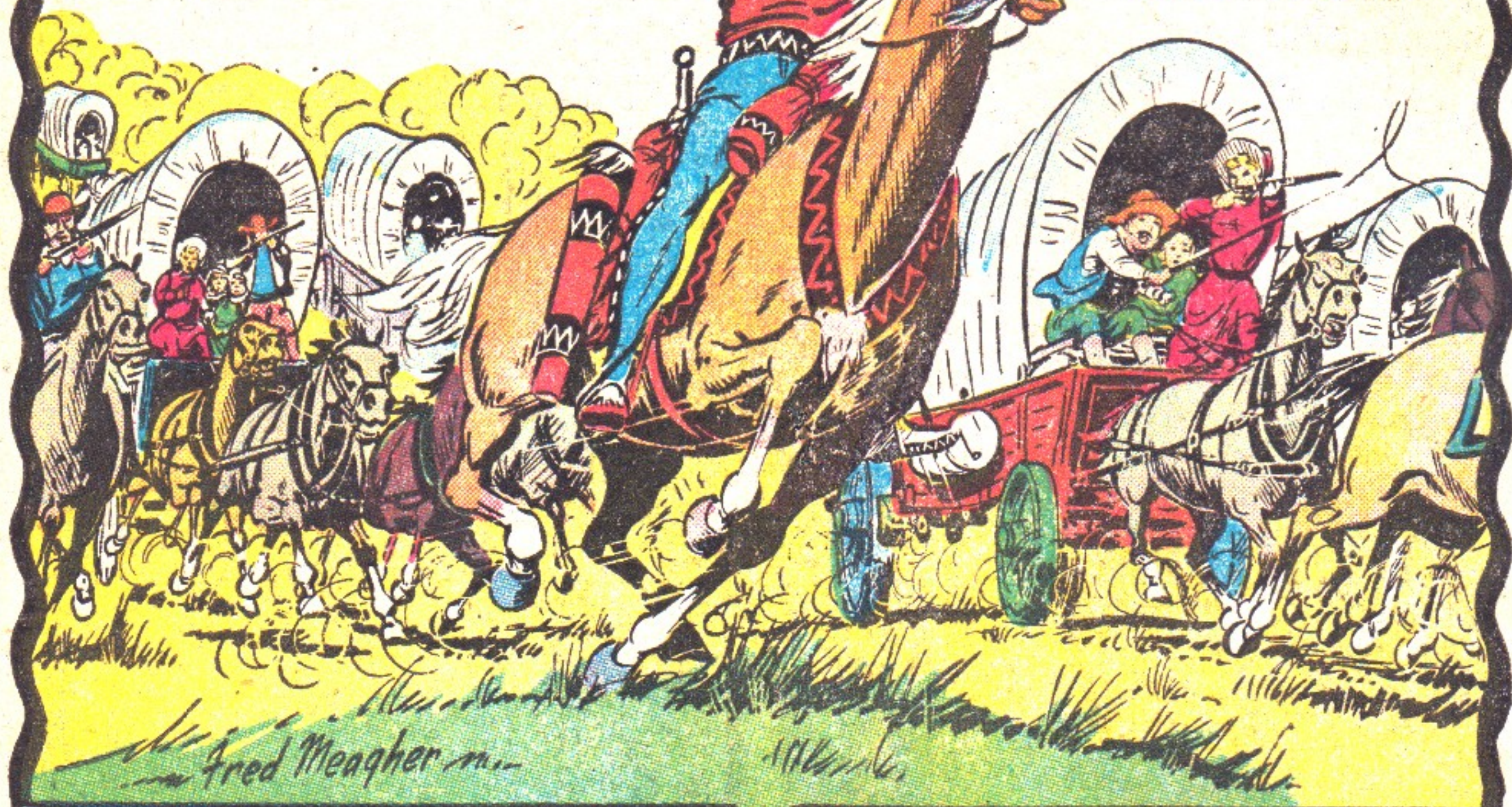


STRAIGHT ARROW

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE NEW HOMES IN THIS COUNTRY, YOU SETTLERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT TO DO IT! NOW... LET'S GO!

TRUNDLING ACROSS THE PLAINS AND PRAIRIES COME THE HUGE CONESTOGA WAGONS, FILLED WITH SETTLERS... THE ENTIRE NATION SEEMS TO BE ON THE MOVE! FROM CITIES AND HAMLETS THEY COME, SEEKING A NEW WAY OF LIFE IN THE WEST... BUT WHEN THESE WAGONS FAIL TO ARRIVE, AND WHEN BUSINESS IN SAWTOOTH JUNCTION... THAT COUNTS SO HEAVILY ON THEIR PURCHASES OF FOOD AND CLOTHING... SLUMPS DANGEROUSLY, THEN **STRAIGHT ARROW** HIMSELF SETS OUT TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF...

THE LOST WAGONS



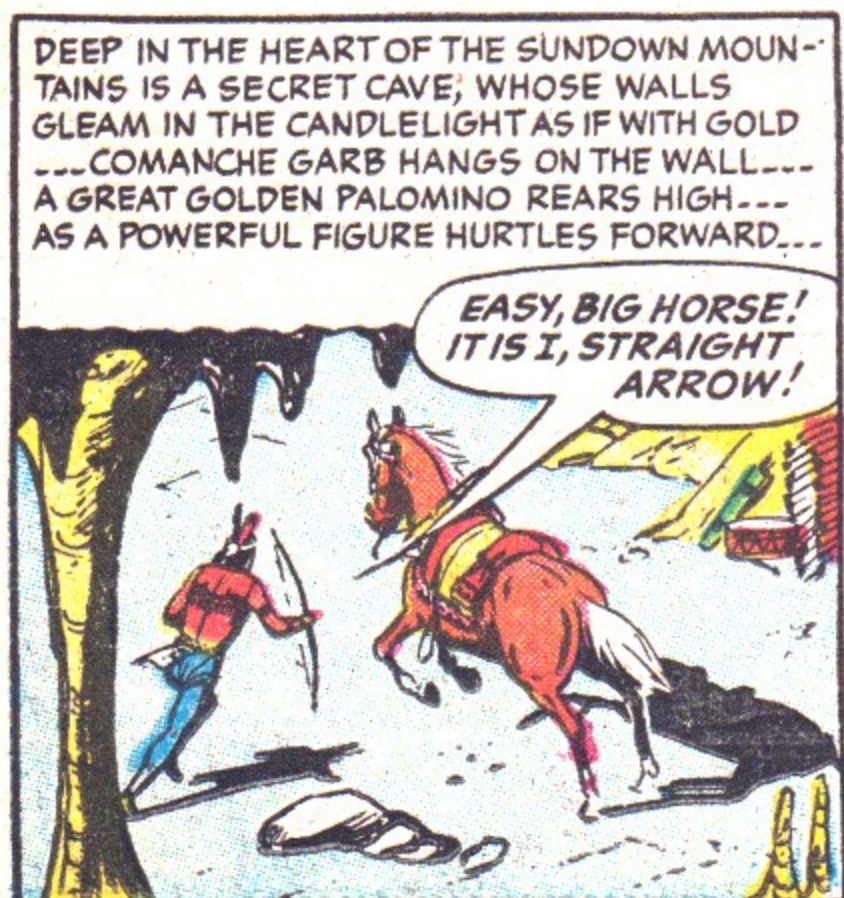
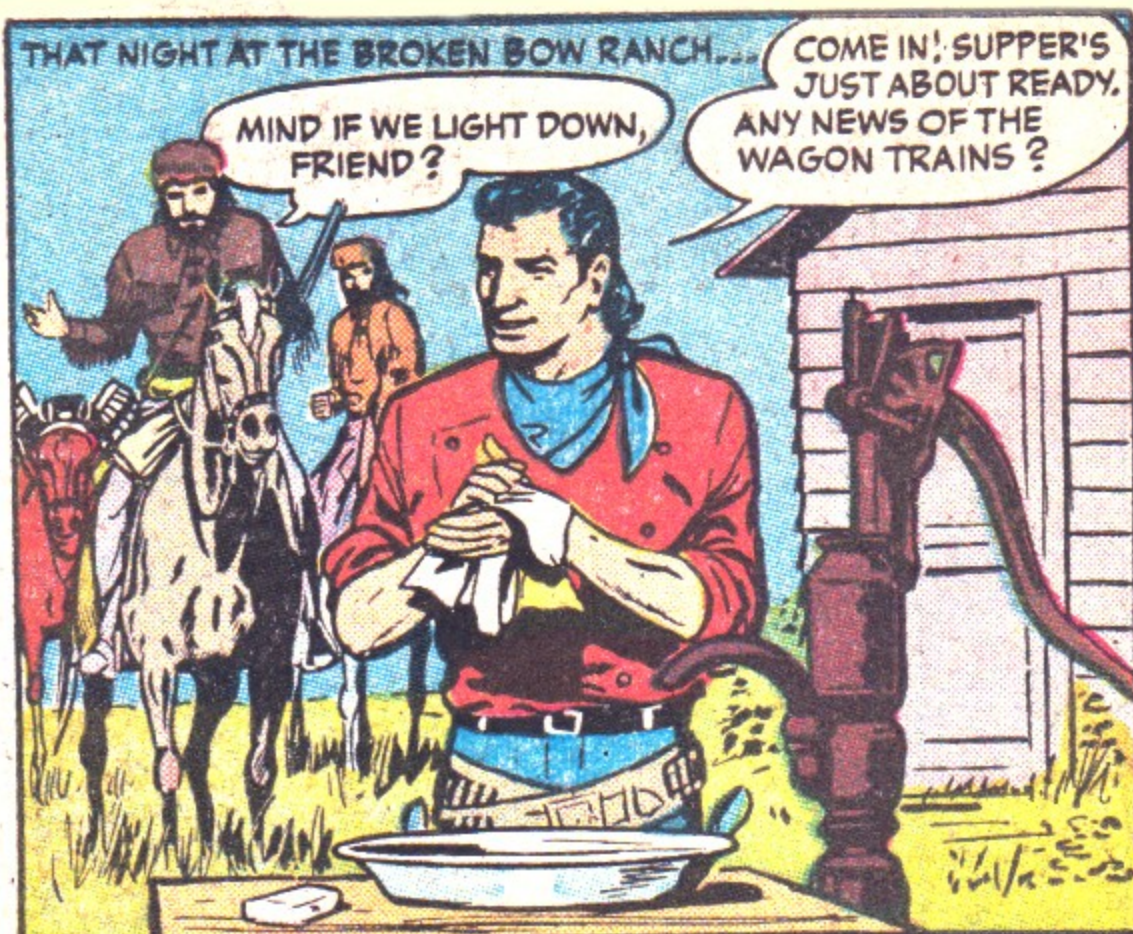
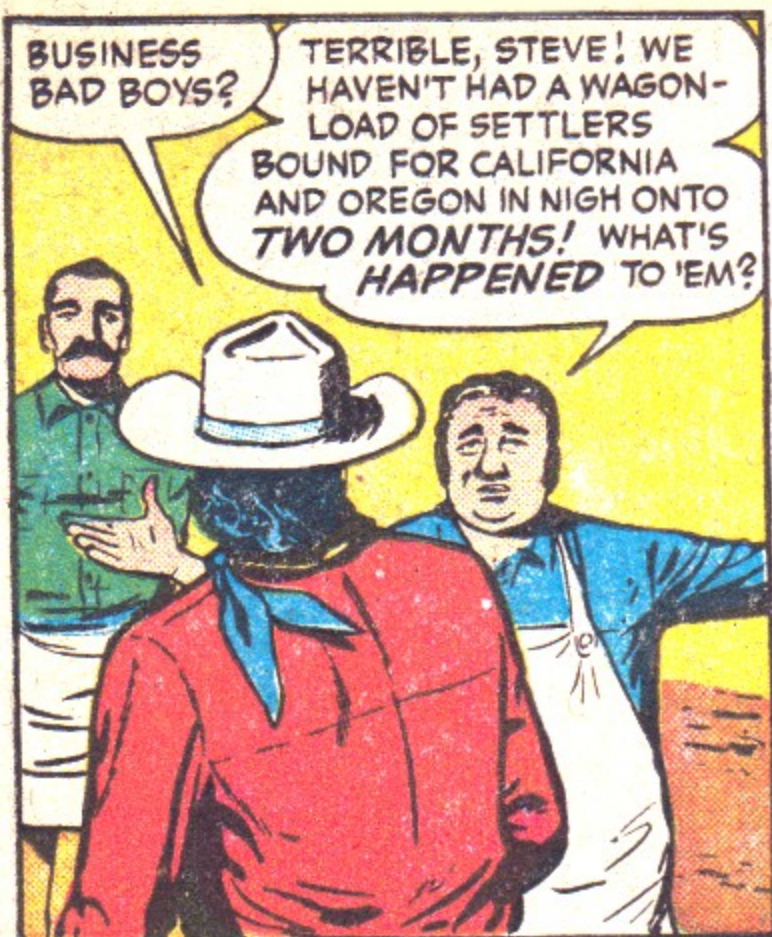
BUSINESS HAS NEVER BEEN SO SLOW IN SAWTOOTH JUNCTION. EVERY DAY IS LIKE A HOLIDAY...

ANY SIGN OF 'EM YET?



NO SIGN AT ALL! JUST STEVE ADAMS RIDING INTO TOWN...





RACING BEFORE STRAIGHT
ARROW AND FURY LEAPS THE
HUGE DOG, **BLAZE**---

WE'LL CUT EAST OF THE CRAZY
BRONC RIVER AND TRY TO PICK
UP THE WAGONS' TRAIL SOME-
WHERE BEYOND THE TONTO GAP.
**RUN, BLAZE! DIG, DIRT,
FURY!**

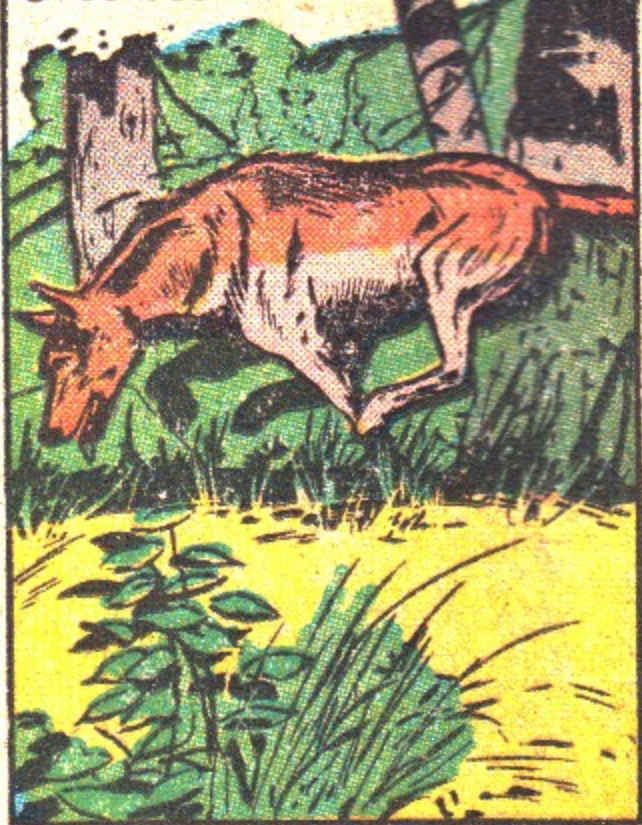


TWO DAYS AND MANY MILES
LATER, ALONG A STRETCH OF
THE PECOS RIVER ---

THE SETTLERS CAME THIS WAY,
ALL RIGHT. MY GOOD FRIEND,
ARAPAHO CHARLEY, WHO
SOMETIMES ACTS AS A WAGON
TRAIN GUIDE DROPPED THIS
POUCH. I'VE SEEN IT TOO
MANY TIMES NOT TO RECOG-
NIZE IT. **GET THE SCENT,
BLAZE!**



THE GREAT DOG LEAPS FORWARD,
HE RUNS EASILY, NOSTRILS TO THE
GROUND ---



FOR THREE DAYS THEY KEEP THE
TRAIL. THEN ---

THE CANYON ROAD
RUNS **STRAIGHT**,
BLAZE...WHAT ARE
YOU DOING IN THAT
CUT OFF?



SO? WAGON RUTS, AND THE
TRACKS OF HORSES! GOOD
WORK, BLAZE! THEY CAME
THIS WAY, THEN, TURNING
OFF THE MAIN TRAIL. **BUT
WHY?**

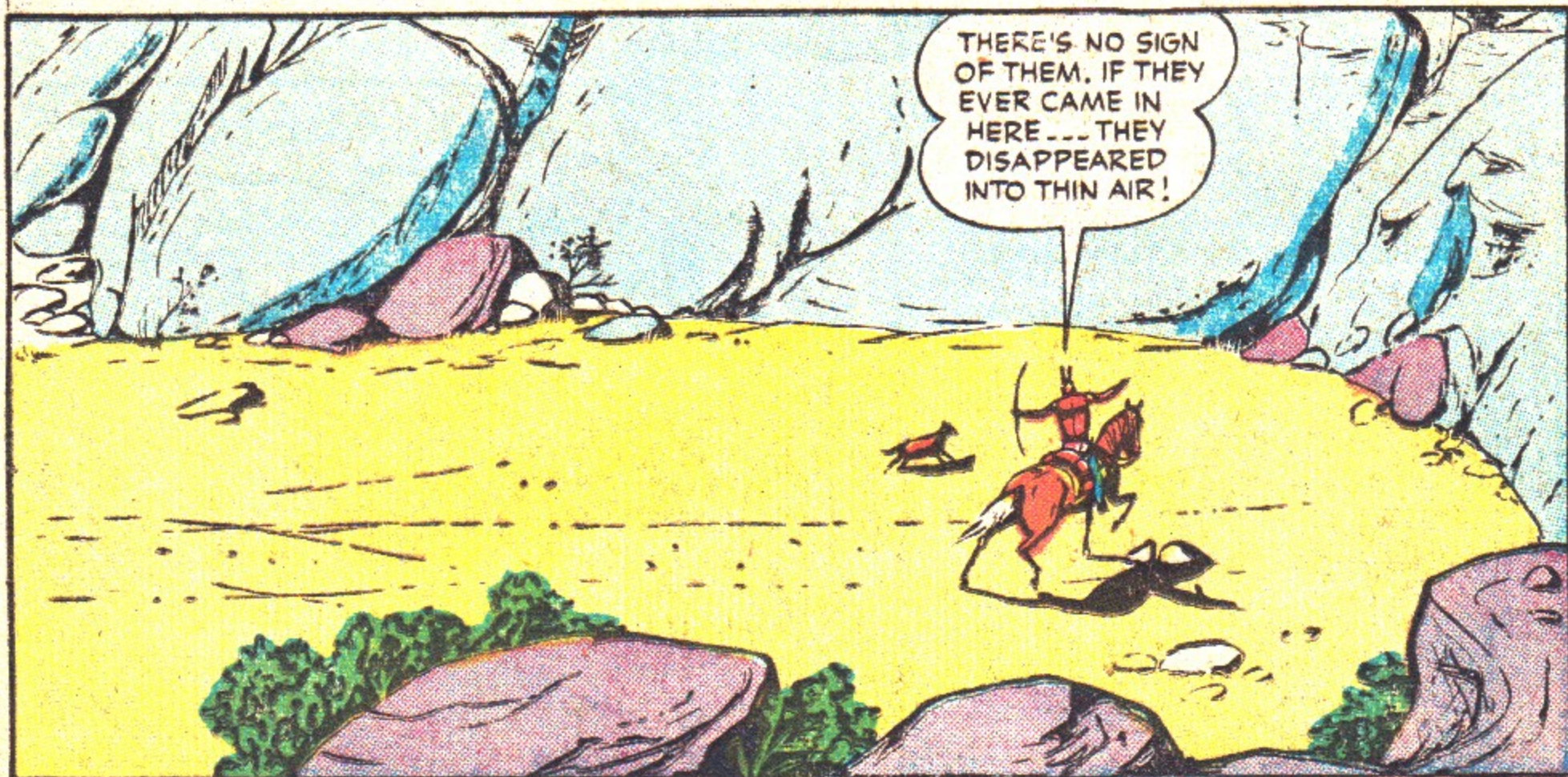


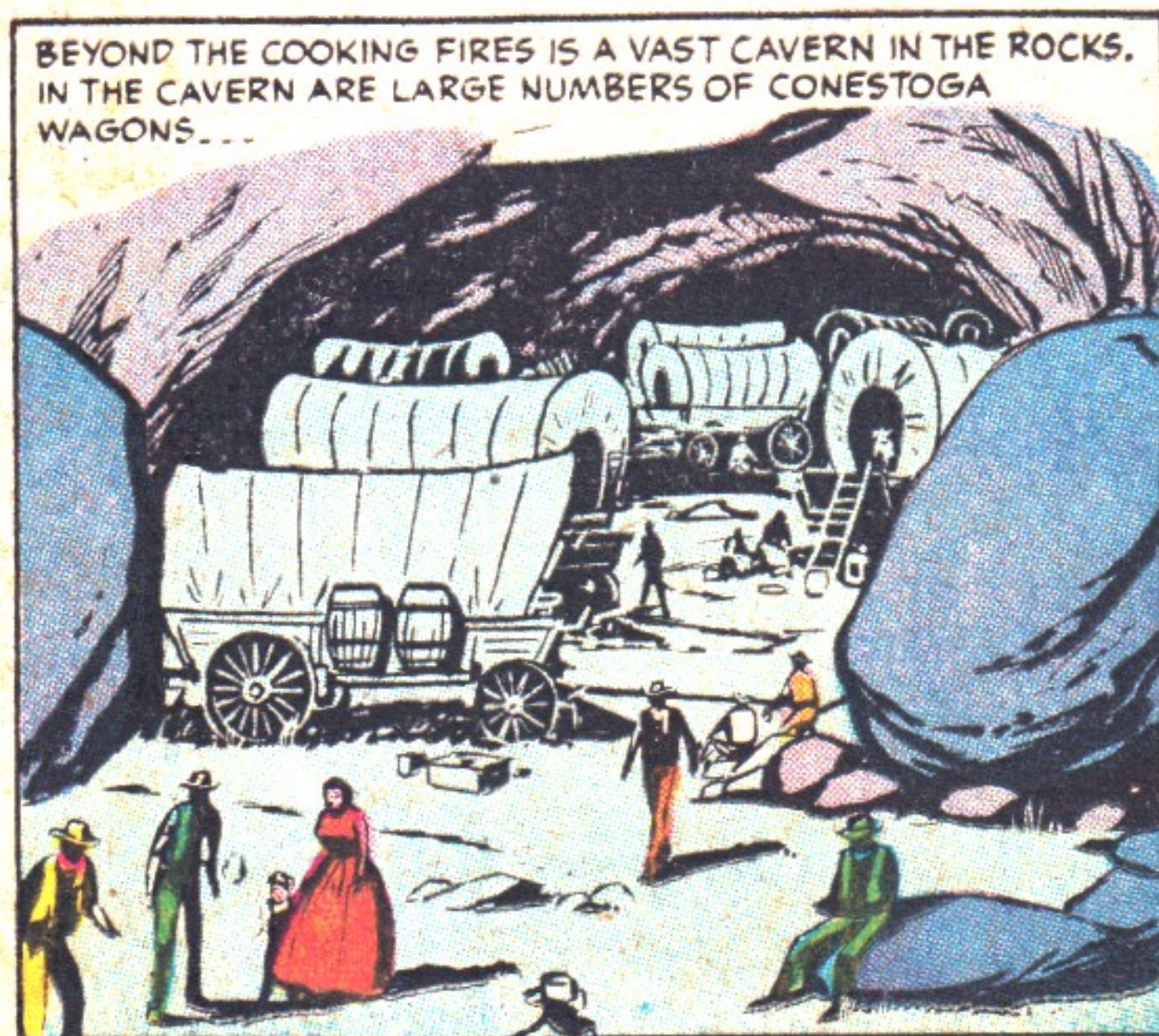
THAT TRAIL LEADS INTO THE BOX
CANYON. BUT THERE'S NOBODY
HERE, AND NO WAGONS. AND A BOX
CANYON HAS

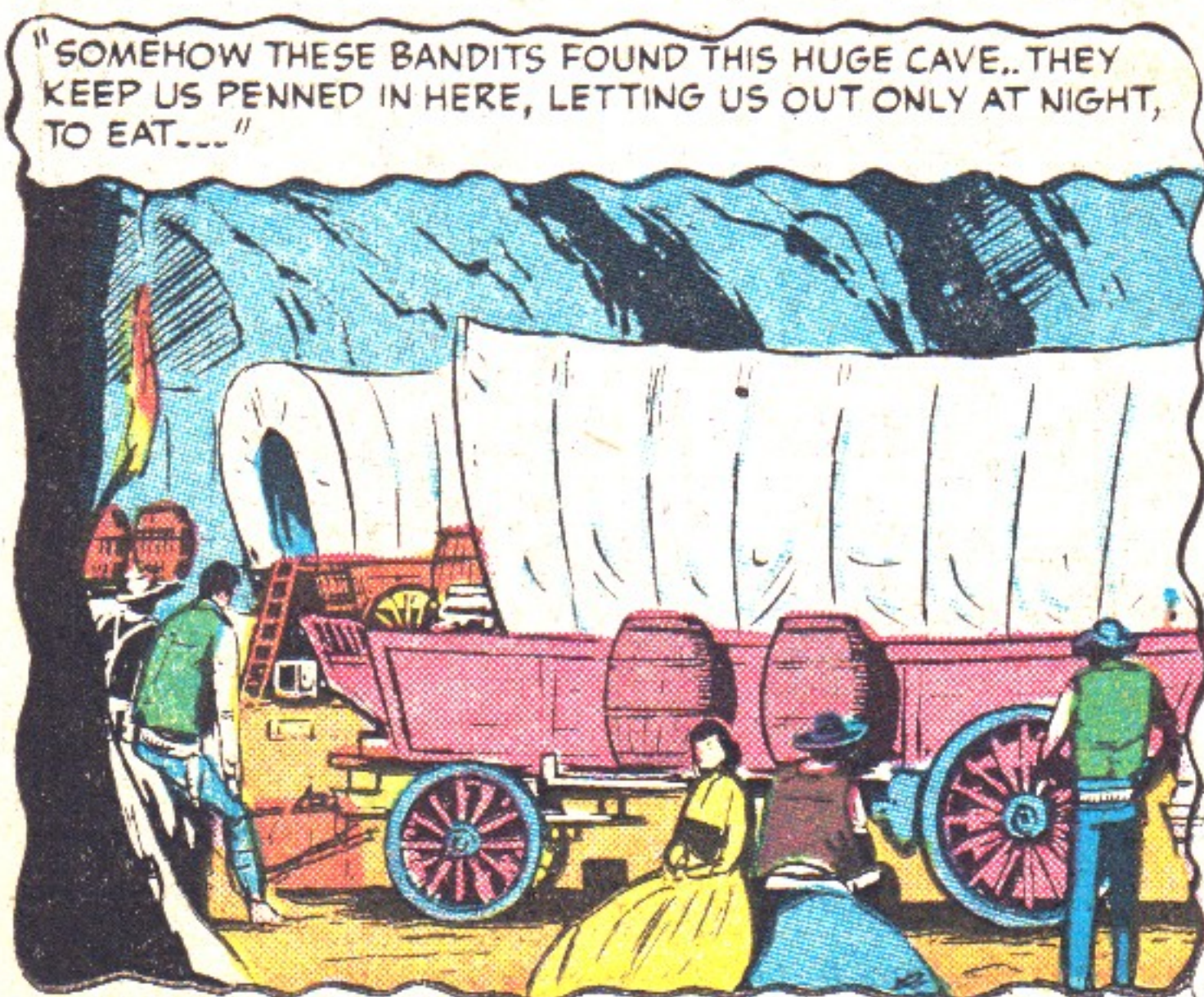
ONLY **ONE
WAY IN
OR OUT!**

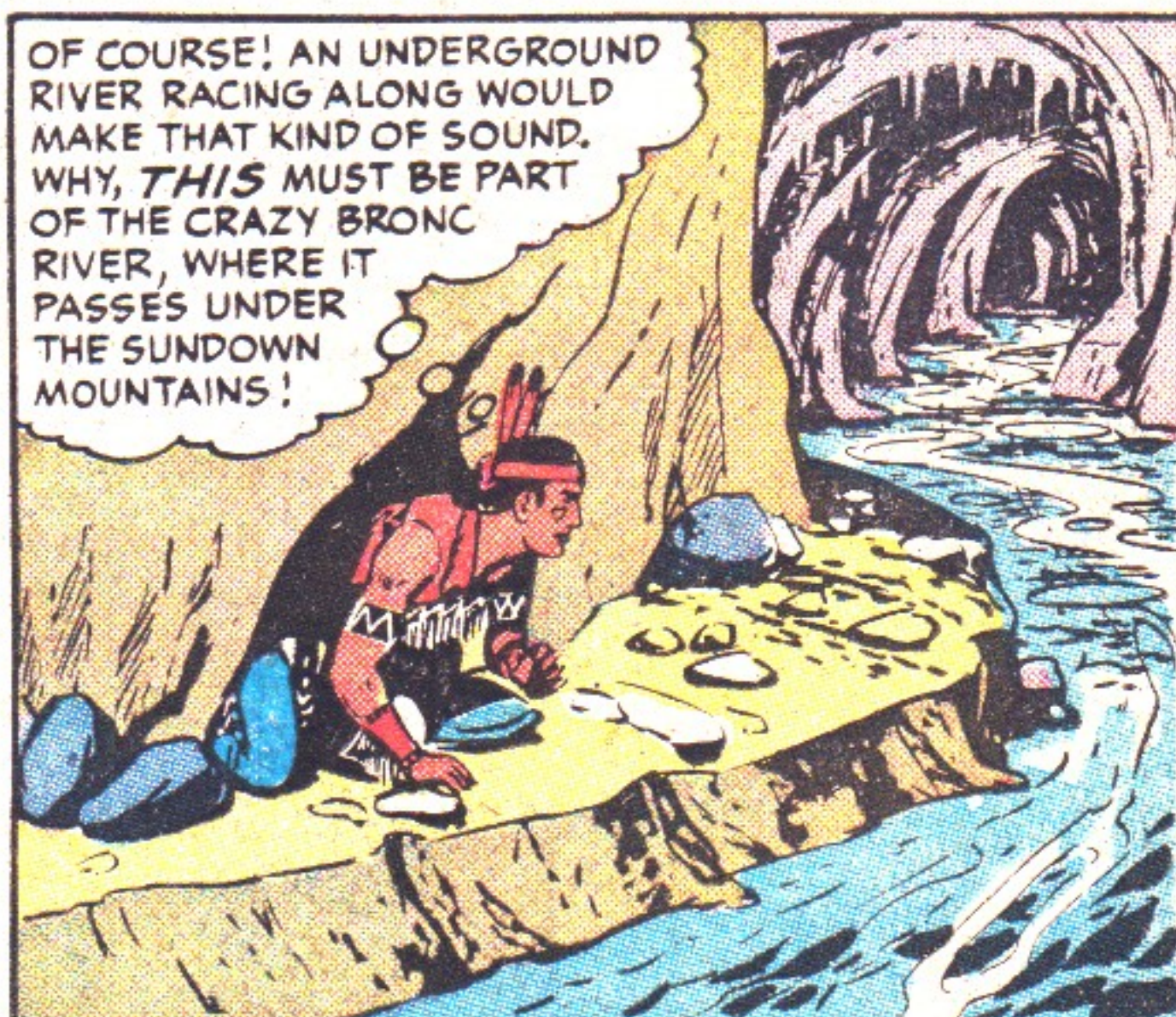


THERE'S NO SIGN
OF THEM. IF THEY
EVER CAME IN
HERE... THEY
DISAPPEARED
INTO THIN AIR!









BY DAWN STRAIGHT ARROW REACHES A HIGH LEDGE FAR ABOVE THE WAGON TRAIL JUST IN TIME.

IT'S THE JACKSON WAGON TRAIN! THERE ARE ENOUGH CIVIL WAR VETERANS TO UNDERSTAND THESE MIRROR HELIOGRAPH WARNINGS!

AND SO, AT MIDDAY, WHEN THE MASKED BANDITS COME SWOOPING DOWN ON THE EZRA JACKSON WAGONS, THEY ARE MET WITH BLAZING GUNFIRE!

THEY'RE TURNING! RUNNING AWAY....!

SOMEBODY TIPPED 'EM OFF ABOUT US! THEY WERE READY!

THEN THAT SOMEBODY WILL ALERT THE AUTHORITIES! RIDE FOR THE CAVE, PRONTO!

WE WON'T WAIT TO ROB ANYBODY ELSE. WE'LL GET OUR LOOT AND VAMOSE!

OVER THE BORDER, WHERE WE'LL BE SAFE!

YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST. MEN, SHOOT THE FIRST MAN WHO REFUSES TO DROP HIS WEAPONS!

I SENT BLAZE TO FORT COBB WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE COLONEL. THEN I RETURNED, AFTER WARNING THE JACKSON WAGON TRAIN, TO JOIN HIM AND HIS SIXTH CAVALRY AS THEY CAME BY WAY OF THE UNDERGROUND RIVER INTO THE CAVE BY FLATBOATS!

THUS THE WAGON TRAINS COME TO SAWTOOTH JUNCTION AND THE MERCHANTS DO A LAND OFFICE BUSINESS AT LAST!

STEVE, I SURE WISH WE COULD GIVE THAT STRAIGHT ARROW A REWARD!

HIS REWARD WOULD BE IN SEEING THE HAPPY FACES OF ALL THESE PEOPLE, JEB... SO FORGET IT!

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WHEN AN INDIAN BOY IS RAISED BY A PACK OF WILD WOLVES, DOES HE TURN WILD—OR IS THERE A SPARK OF HUMANITY STILL LEFT INSIDE HIM? RED HAWK ASKS THIS QUESTION OF WILDPAW, BUT IT IS ANSWERED BY A VENGEFUL OSAJE CHIEF AND HIS FIGHTING WARRIORS! IS RED HAWK DOOMED TO FAILURE IN HIS QUEST? OR IS THERE SOME SLIGHT HOPE THAT HE CAN FIND A WAY TO WIN OUT OVER—

The Mark of the Wolf

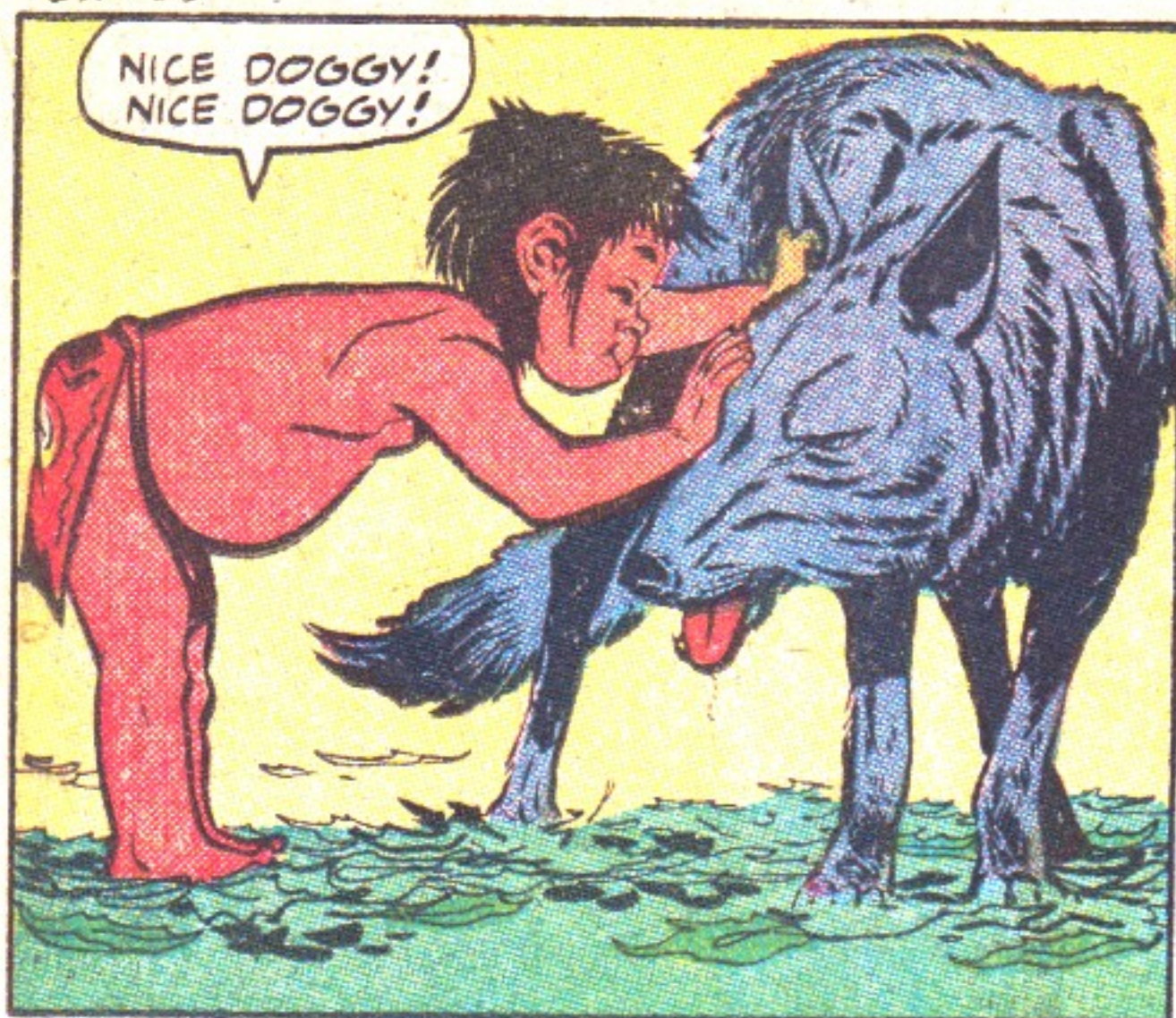
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MANY MOONS AGO, WHEN THE CHEYENNES CAMPED CLOSE BY CRAZY DOG CREEK, A YEAR-OLD BABY TODDLED AWAY FROM THE COOKING FIRES....

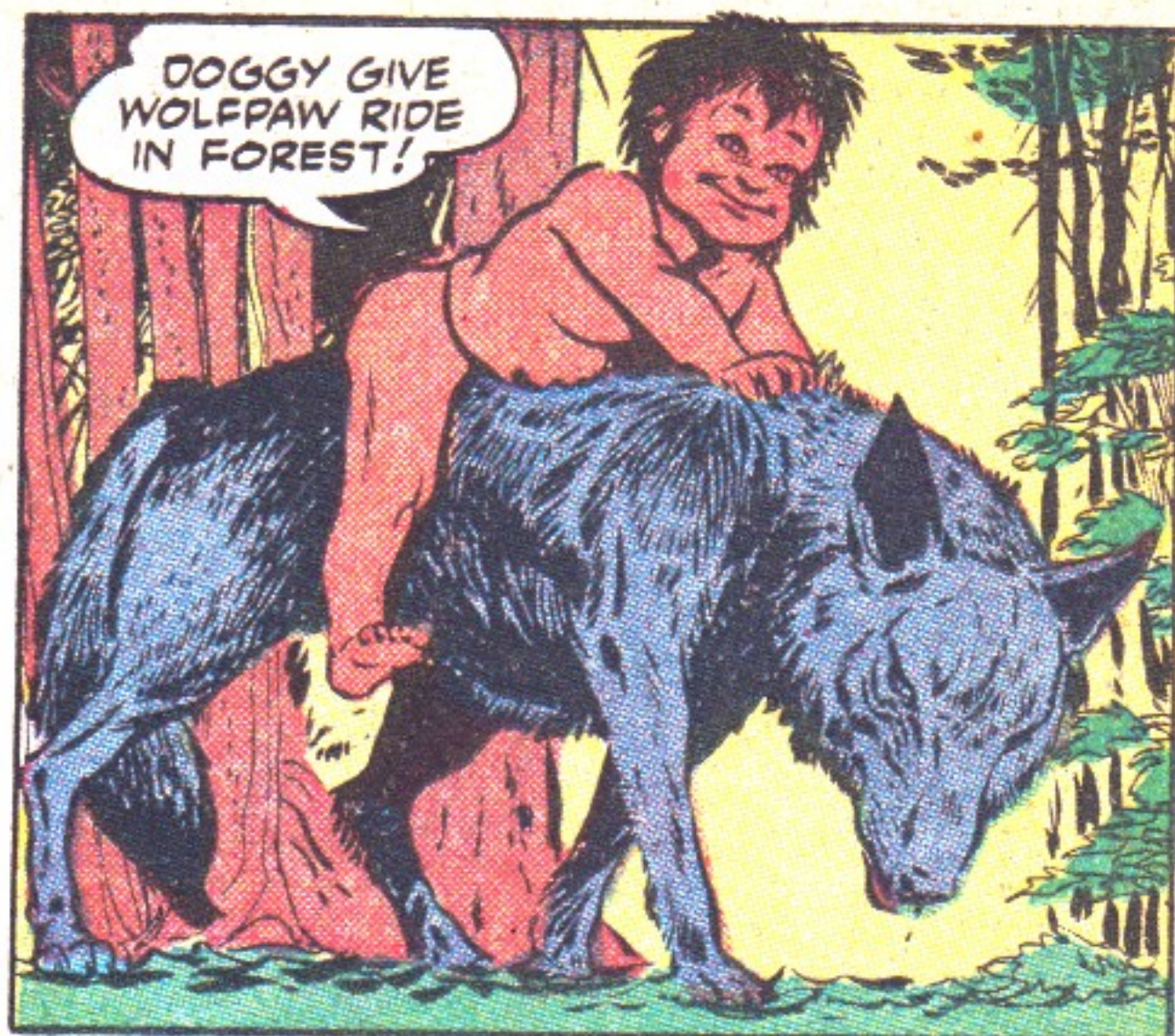


INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST HE WENT, WHILE A PASSING WOLF EYED HIM WARILY....

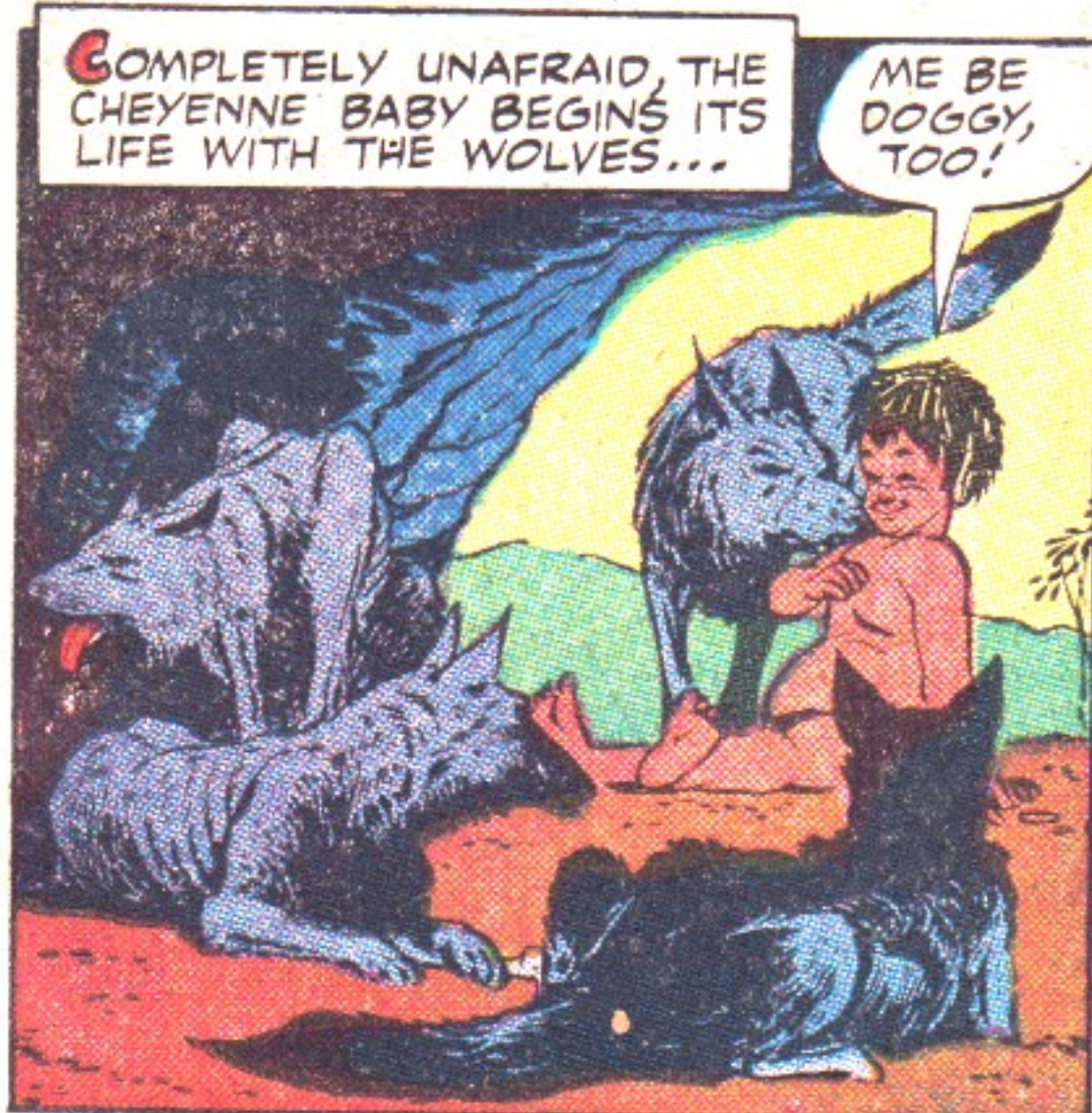




NICE DOGGY!
NICE DOGGY!



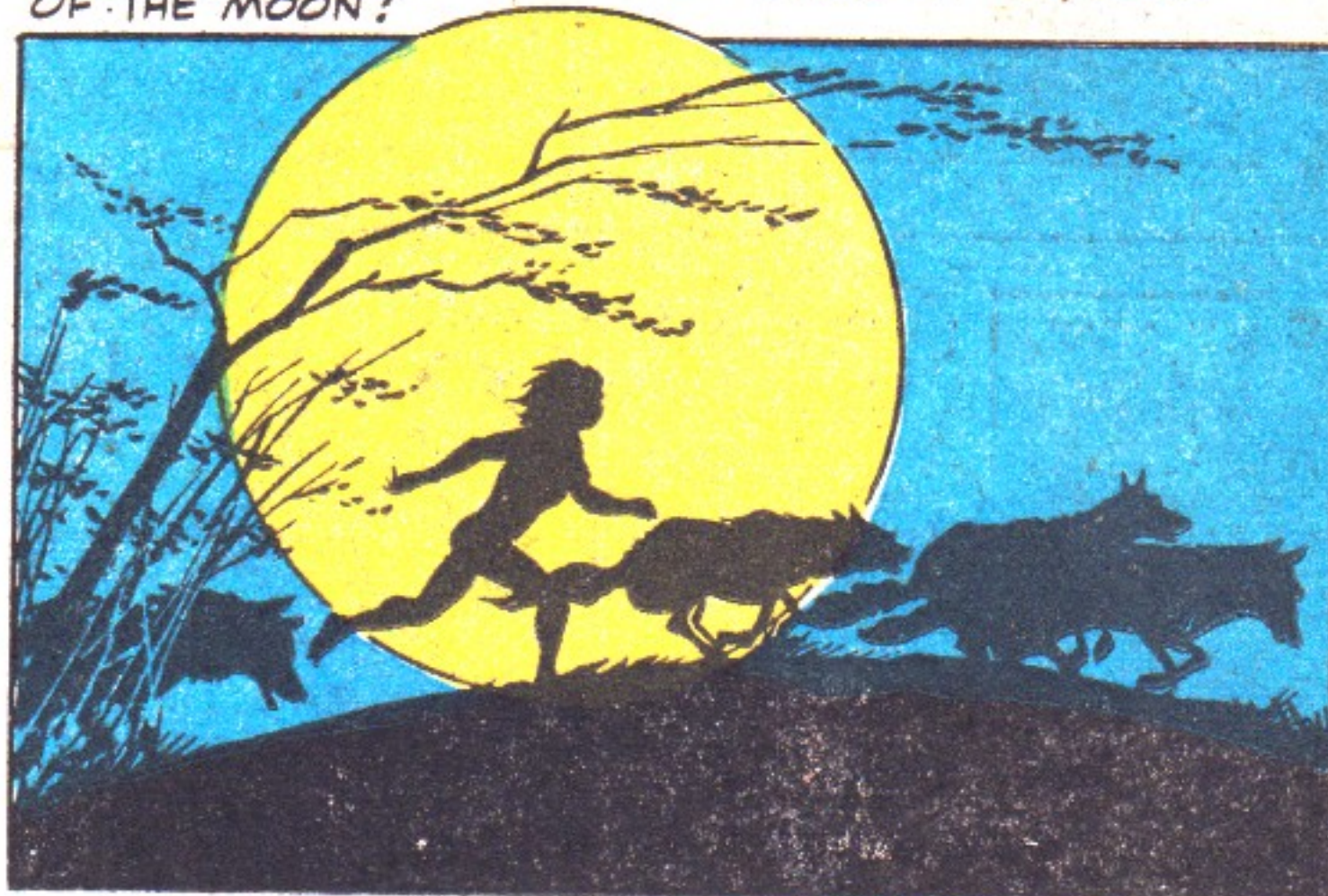
DOGGY GIVE
WOLFPAW RIDE
IN FOREST!



COMPLETELY UNAFRAID, THE
CHEYENNE BABY BEGINS ITS
LIFE WITH THE WOLVES...

ME BE
DOGGY,
TOO!

SLOWLY THE YEARS SLIP BY. THE BABY, WOLFPAW, IS
FORGOTTEN. INSTEAD, TALES ARE TOLD OF A STRONG
YOUTH WHO RUNS WITH THE WOLVES AT THE FULL
OF THE MOON!



BUT WHO IN HIS RIGHT SENSES
BELIEVES SUCH A STORY?

THIS WOLF BOY IS
ABOUT AS OLD AS YOU
ARE, RED HAWK.
LOPING BEAR SAW
HIM WITH HIS OWN
TWO EYES.

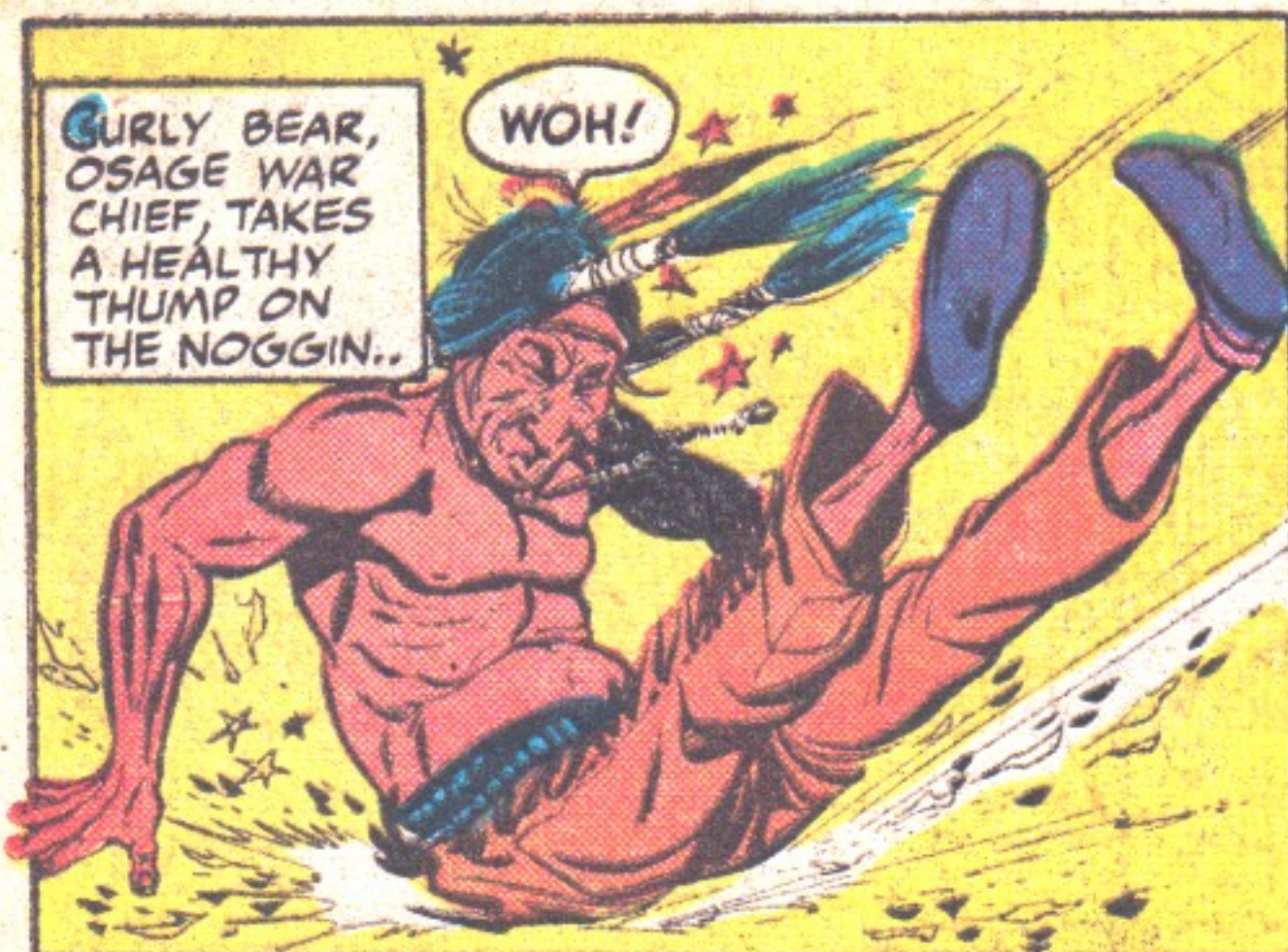
AH, HE'S
JUST TRYING
TO MAKE US
OTHER KIDS
JEALOUS!



THE WOLF-BOY LEARNS
MUCH BY WATCHING THE
INDIAN HUNTERS —



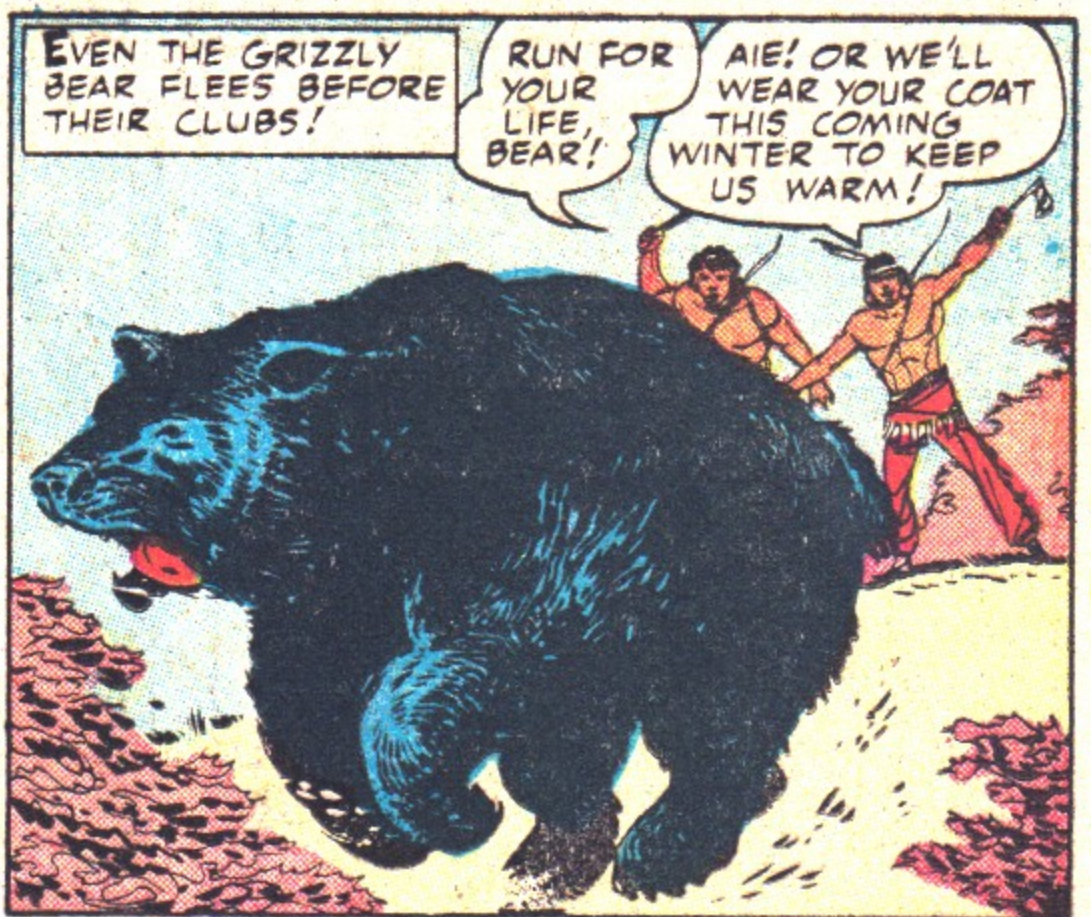
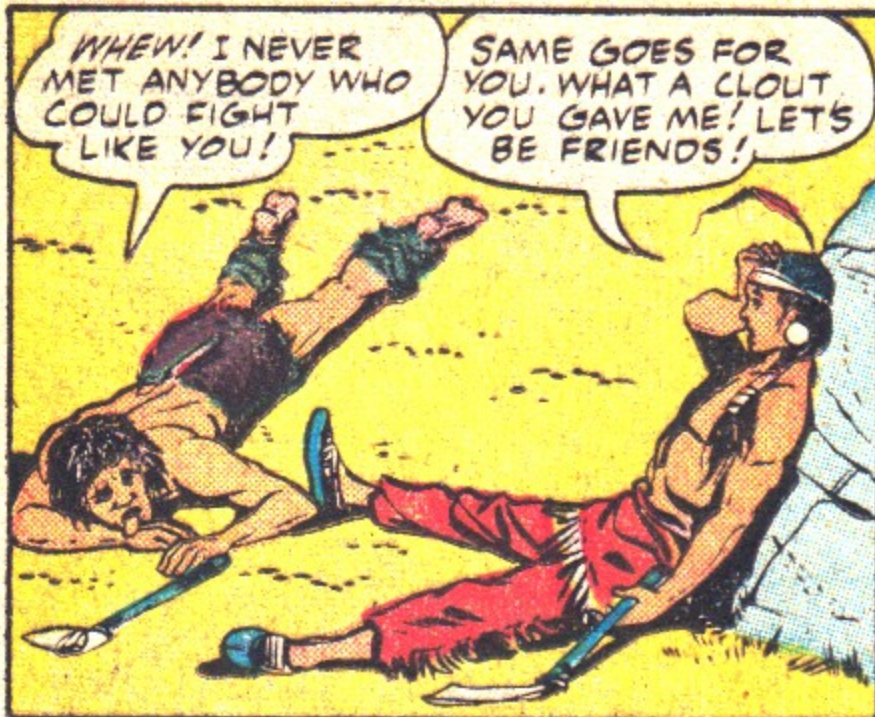
I MADE MYSELF A
FINE BOW AND SLIM
ARROWS. I HAVE
PRACTISED MUCH. NOW NO
ONE CAN SHOOT BETTER
THAN WOLFPAW CAN!



SHAME AND FURY MAKE CURLY BEAR CRY OUT AS HE FLEES—



AFTER HALF AN HOUR OF FIGHTING AND ANOTHER OF WRESTLING —



ONLY CURLY BEAR, THE OSAGE WAR CHIEF, DARES INVADGE THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS!

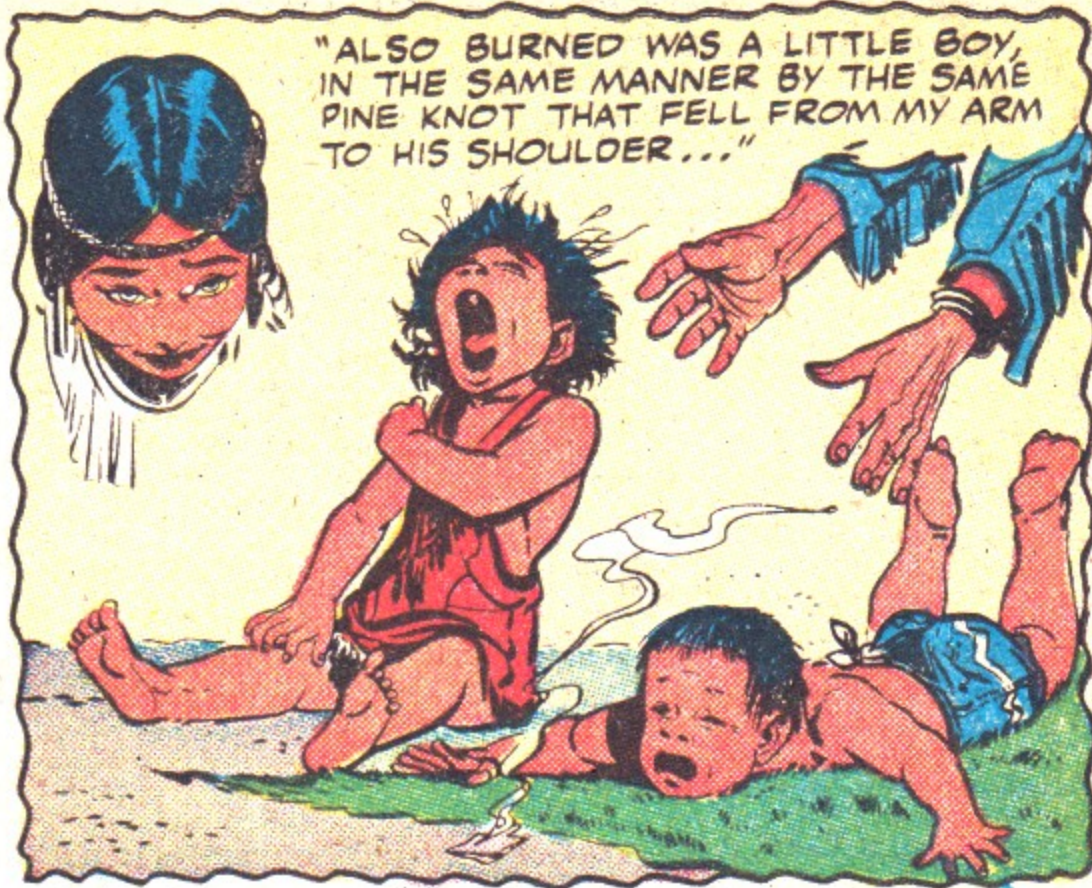


UNAWARE THAT DANGER THREATENS HIS NEW-FOUND FRIEND, RED HAWK AT LAST TAKES HIS LEAVE, TO RETURN TO HIS OWN PEOPLE. HIS ARGUMENTS FAIL TO SWAY WOLFPAW: HE WANTS TO STAY IN THE WILD, AND NOT GO TO LIVE IN A TEPEE. AND SO RED HAWK GOES HOME ALONE...





"MANY MOONS AGO, WHEN I WAS A BABY GIRL—MY MOTHER HAS TOLD ME—I WAS BURNED BY A PINE KNOT JUMPING FROM THE COOKING FIRES..."

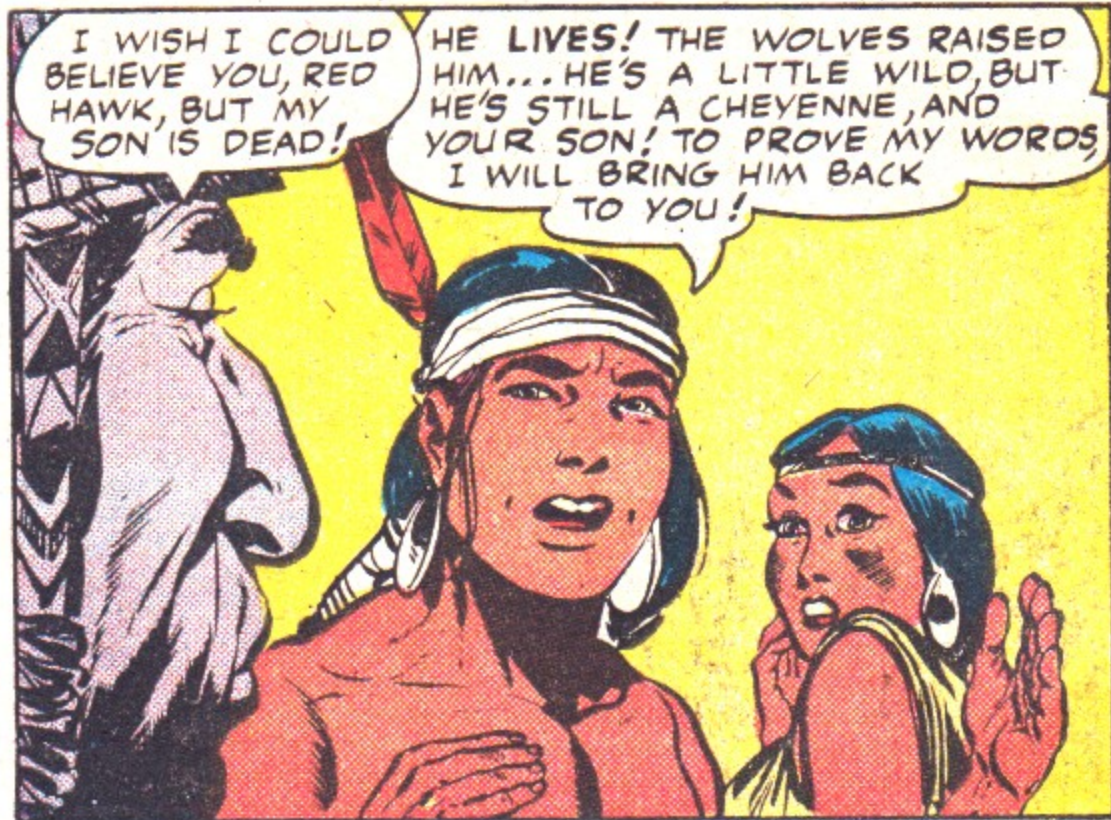


"ALSO BURNED WAS A LITTLE BOY, IN THE SAME MANNER BY THE SAME PINE KNOT THAT FELL FROM MY ARM TO HIS SHOULDER..."



THAT LITTLE BOY WANDERED OFF INTO THE FOREST AND DIED. HE WAS WOLFPAW, SON OF WHITE BULL, THE CHIEF!

BUT HE DID NOT DIE! HE IS STILL ALIVE! I WILL TELL THIS TO WHITE BULL!



I WISH I COULD BELIEVE YOU, RED HAWK, BUT MY SON IS DEAD!

HE LIVES! THE WOLVES RAISED HIM... HE'S A LITTLE WILD, BUT HE'S STILL A CHEYENNE, AND YOUR SON! TO PROVE MY WORDS, I WILL BRING HIM BACK TO YOU!



IN THE HIGH HILLS, AT THAT MOMENT—

THERE IS THE WOLF-MAN! GO GET HIM, MY WARRIORS!



A THROWN LANCE HERALDS THE APPROACH OF THE OSAGES..

THE OSAGES HAVE COME BACK!

MY HAIRY BROTHERS ARE NOWHERE AROUND. I WILL MEET THE ENEMY ALONE!





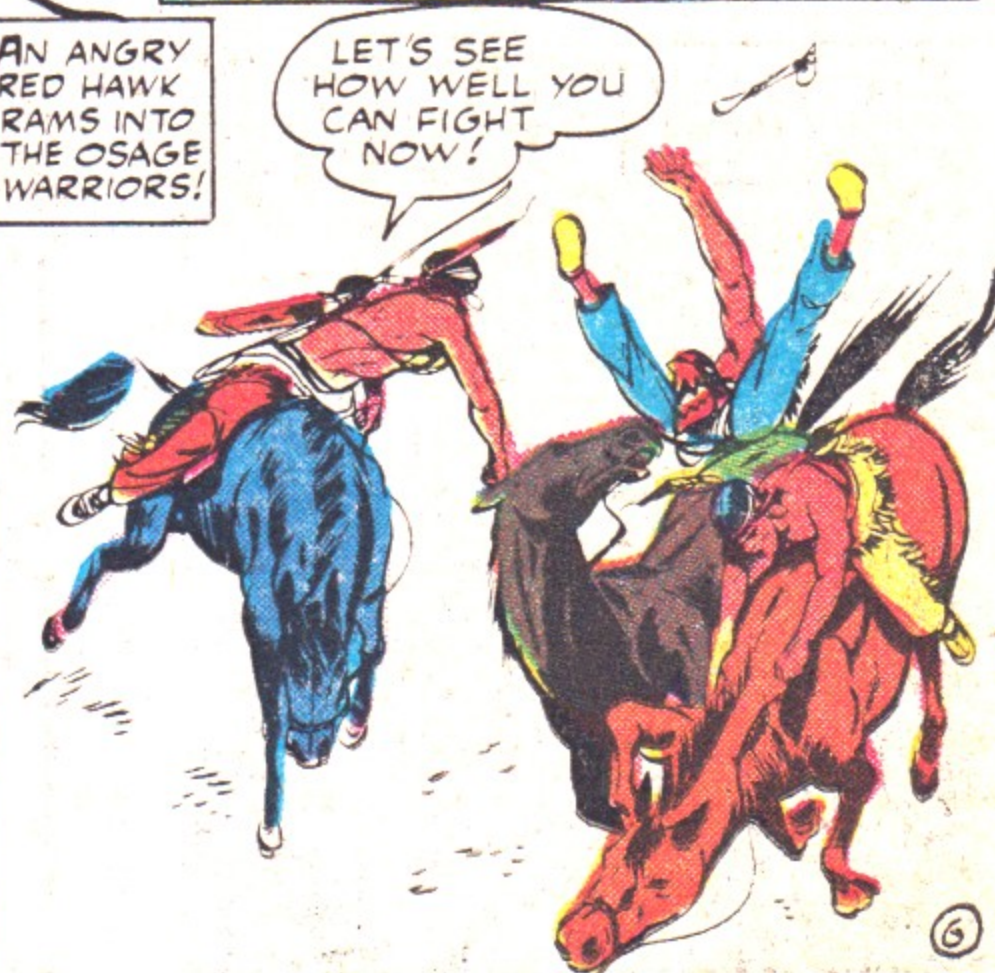
FERAL EYES GLOW UP AT RED HAWK, ALMOST AS IF THE WOLVES UNDERSTAND HIS WORDS...

AN EERIE WAIL SPLITS THE FOREST SILENCE!

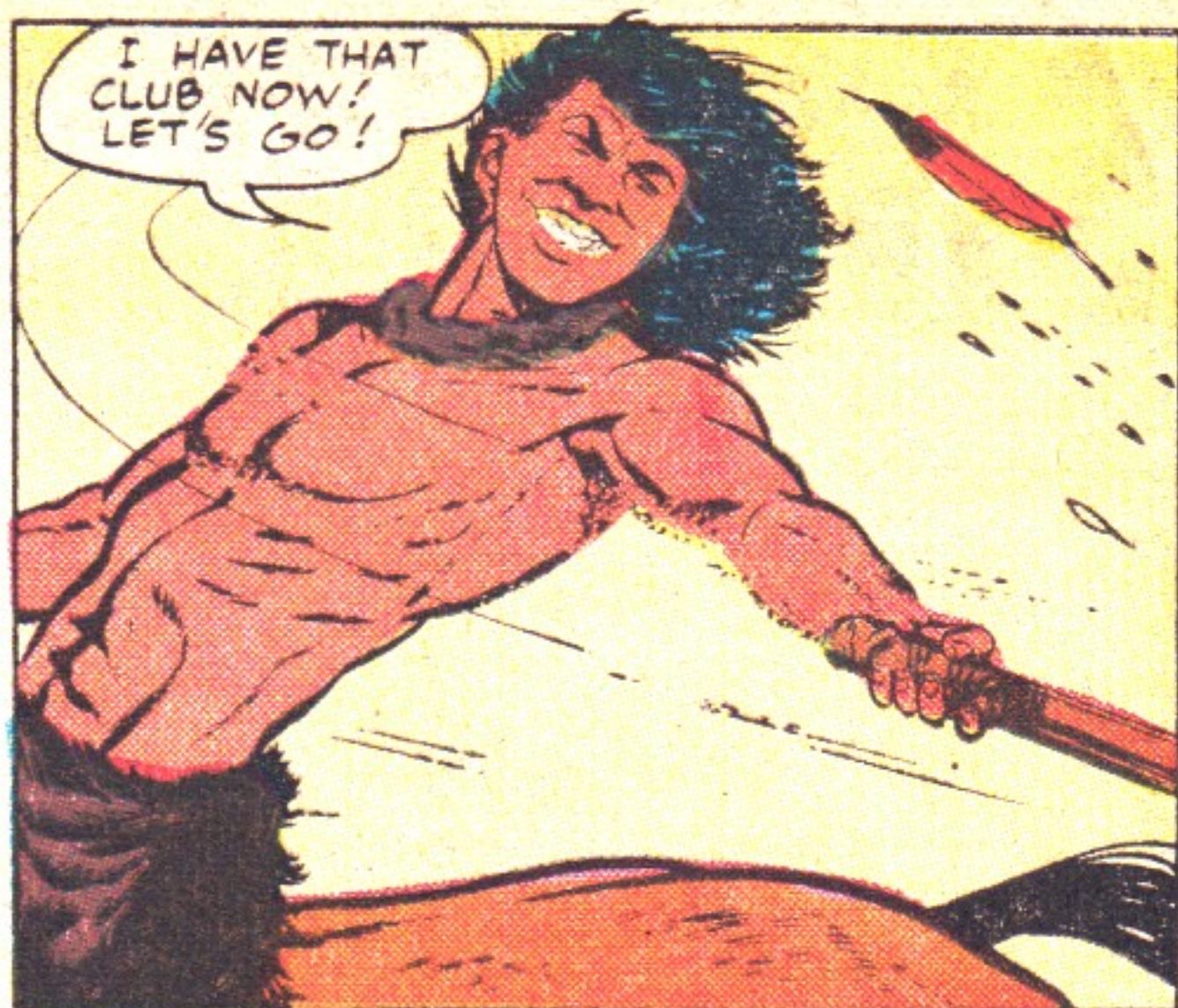
SOON THE POUND OF A PONY'S HOOFS IS ECHOED BY THE PAD-PAD OF WOLVES PAWS!



AN ANGRY RED HAWK RAMS INTO THE OSAGE WARRIORS!



A KNIFE FLASHES—AND THE BINDING ROPES FALL FROM WOLFPAW!



SIDE BY SIDE THE YOUNG "WILD MEN" FIGHT ONCE MORE AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES...



BATTERED AND DISCOURAGED CURLY BEAR TEARS FREE OF MELEE...



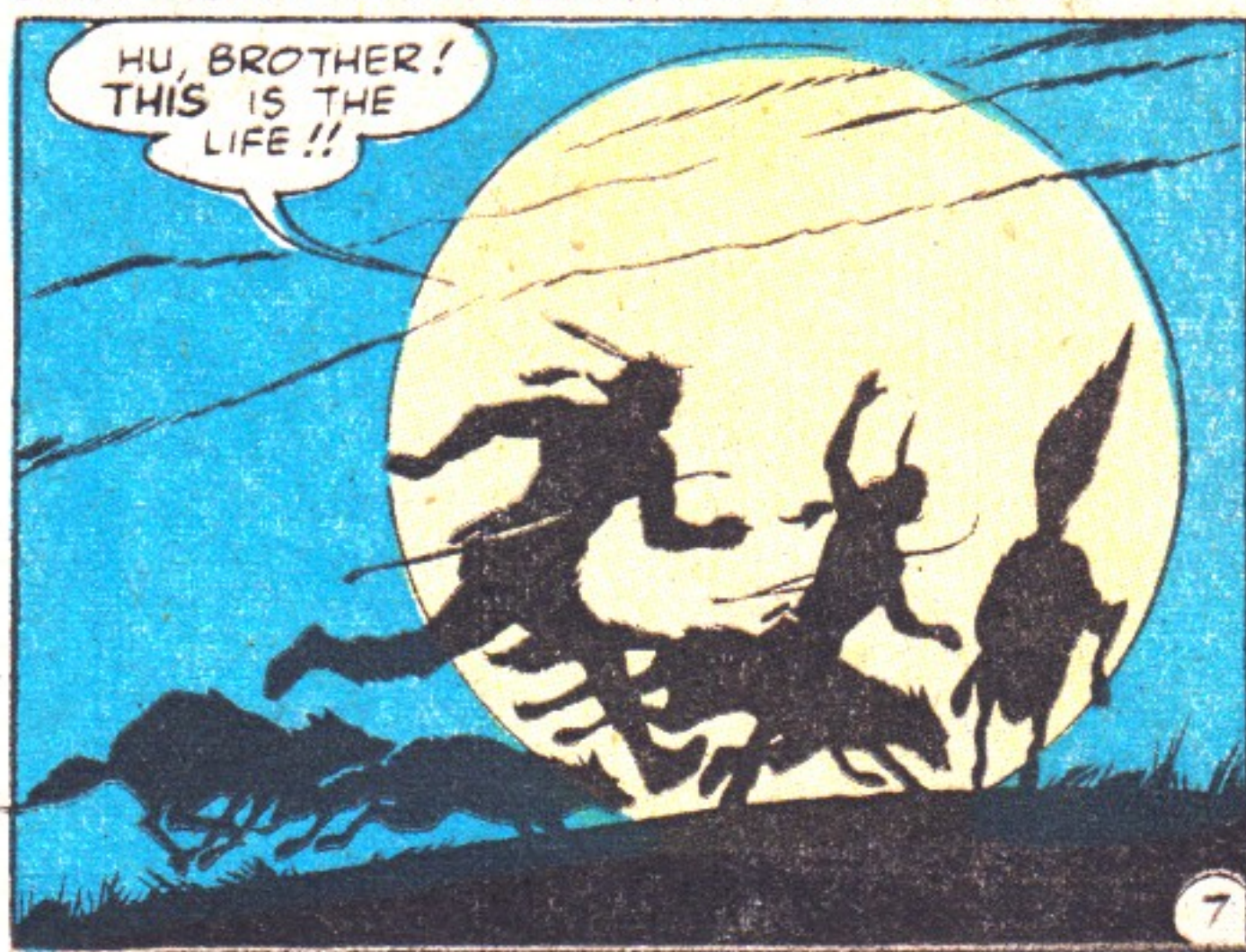
AFTER HIM COME HIS WARRIORS, UNTIL ONLY RED HAWK AND WOLFPAW ARE LEFT...



AND SO AT LAST WOLFPAW COMES HOME—



YET THERE ARE NIGHTS WHEN WOLFPAW STEALS AWAY FROM THE TEPEES WITH RED HAWK, TO RUN ONCE AGAIN WITH THEIR HAIRY BRETHREN...



SMOKE SIGNALS

Hunting jackets and moccasins on, boys and girls! Here we meet again, around the Indian campfires! Interested in wampum and tepees, coup sticks and war bonnets? Then hunker down, cross-legged in the Indian way, and open your eyes and ears. We begin now to track down information . . . !

COCHISE, APACHE CHIEF Few people today realize that at one time—before the year 1860, the Apache Indians were friendly to the Americans! It doesn't seem true, does it? Yet it is. But in 1860, when a lieutenant of cavalry, George Bascom, was sent out to parley with the Apaches over a boy born in captivity, he made Cochise his prisoner.

Cochise escaped, infuriated by what he deemed a breach of trust. He then captured two white men and offered to trade them for his friends, prisoners taken by Lt. Bascom when he captured Cochise. Bascom refused—and hanged his Indian prisoners. From that time on, Cochise, and all the Apache nation, vowed a great oath of revenge.

Who was this Cochise? He was born sometime around 1810 in the Chiricahua Mountains. There is very little known about his life until 1860, but he did distinguish himself in battle, and in the perpetual wars that the Apaches waged against the Mexicans. At the time of his capture by Lt. Bascom, he was the foremost warrior and chief among all the Apaches.

During the dozen years between 1860 and 1872, Cochise and his warriors raged from the Gila River into Mexico and eastward as far as the Mimbres River in New Mexico. His name was synonymous with terror and death. However, in 1872, due to the intercession of his good friend, Tom Jeffords, Cochise was induced to make peace with the white men. You readers who are especially interested in Cochise and the Apaches can read a magnificent novel by Elliot Arnold entitled "Blood Brother" that deals with Tom Jeffords, Cochise, and the Apaches.

MANITOU The Great Spirit which the Indian worshipped, proves that the red man was a religious person. The Plains Indians knew the Great Spirit as the *Wakan Tanka*. In the woodlands of the East, the Great Spirit was known as the *Manitou*.

There were lesser gods, of course, as there always are with barbaric peoples. The *Itsika mahidi*, the spirit of the grey wolf, who spoiled the aim of the hunters and covered up the game trails so the

Indian hunters could not follow their quarry. The *Kaduteta*, the immortal old woman, who taught men to till the fields. The Morning Star among the Pawnees, worshipped at times with human sacrifice (the only record of human sacrifice to the spirits among all the Indian tribes). All the tribes had their own local deities.

Above all, however, was the Great Spirit, no matter what each tribe called him. A prayer was offered to the *Manitou* whenever the Indians went out to fight or hunt, when they married, when they ate. They streaked their bodies and faces with different types of paint to propitiate the spirits of the woods or the plains, but they held the *Wakan Tanka* in greatest reverence.

INDIAN GAMES Everyone knows that lacrosse—that game that is played with a leather ball and a netted stick by our own colleges these days—is descended from the Indian game of lacrosse. There were no defined markings of a playing field, however, when the Indians played it. A huge clearing was laid out and literally hundreds of players on each side joined in. Half the fun apparently was in hitting the opposing player, rather than scoring a goal! Old Indians have told of games where everyone but one man was laid out unconscious on the field by flailing sticks!

These games of lacrosse were usually played at great trading meetings held by several different tribes. It was a mild form of warfare, and must have pleased everyone but those who got the worst bruises and black eyes!

Another favorite game, especially among the woodlands Indians, was *throwing-the-snow-snake*. The "snake" was a straight stick four feet long and the purpose of the game was to hurl the "snake" across the ice. It was a crude form of our own track event, hurling the javelin.

The Sioux played a game with javelins (blunted, of course) and hoops. One or two players were detailed to keep the hoop rolling rapidly across the ground while the others took turns in trying to throw the javelin through it. The most points were scored by the participant who threw his javelin entirely through the hoop without stopping it.

Other games were played with dice, a whipping top, a form of field hockey called shinny, with bows and arrows at selected targets, and guessing games. The 24th annual report of the American Bureau of Ethnology was devoted to describing these Indian games—and was over 800 pages long! Evidently the Indians knew how to enjoy themselves.

INDIAN BUCKSKIN Buckskin was the universal material for the garments of the Indians. The woodlands tribes, as well as the Plains tribes, used deerskin. These hides were tanned according to each tribal method. When the hide of a buck or a deer is brought into the camp, it is scraped clean by the women, and then allowed to soak in water for several days.

Washed with lye and hung over a skinned pole, the hide is again scraped. Cleansed in clear water, the skin is stretched as tight as a drumhead on a sapling frame. Then a paste made from the deer's brains (you will note that the Indian never wasted a thing) was rubbed into the softened hide.

Now began a period when the hide was washed and wrung out, washed and wrung out again, for several days. After this, it was hung over a smoke fire. When the hide reached the proper color, it was removed and folded, to make sure the same color penetrated throughout the hide.

As a garment material, buckskin is warm and soft. It does not tear easily and is impervious to brambles.

Some buckskins were white. These were the special property of the Cree Indians of Canada. Only they knew how to make such skins.

INDIAN HAIR FASHIONS The woodlands Indians wore the scalplock, an upstanding ridge of black hair one to three inches long that ran from the top of the forehead down the nape of the neck. The rest of the head was shaved. In accordance with the peculiar Indian type of war code, the idea of the scalplock was to make it easy for the enemy to scalp him—if he could!

The Plains Indians, the southeastern tribes and the Texas tribes braided their hair so that it hung down over their chests. These braids were worked with red flannel to make them more colorful.

Apache Indians, and some Kiowas and Comanches, wore their hair scraggly, bound about with a cloth band. It fell to their shoulders and was cut short in bangs above their foreheads.

INDIAN JEWELRY The Indians were skilled workers in such metals as copper and silver. Even today, visitors to Arizona and New Mexico buy the wonderful silver belts and bracelets made by Pueblo and Navajo craftsmen. But in the olden days, what was it like?

There are copper mines in the Great Lakes section. This copper found itself travelling the trade routes east and west in exchange for other commodities. Other copper came from Nova Scotia and New Jersey, and from the Blue Ridge mountains.

By heating the copper and then cooling it, the Indian copper-smiths discovered that it became tough and pliable. Then they hammered it into shape and polished it. Sometimes they ground it with sandstone. Punching or drilling put holes in it.

From copper, the Indians made needles, pins, spearheads and arrowheads, adzes, chisels, axes, fish hooks, rods, and ornaments. The ornamental copper pieces included bracelets, necklets, armbands, ornamental discs that hung on rawhide thongs about the neck, anklets, beads for necklaces, belts of copper discs fitted together with copper chains, pins and earrings, headbands, combs and rings.

The Indian did not recognize copper as a metal. To him it was a soft stone. But despite his ignorance of what copper was, he discovered that it took designs hammered out with a stone hammer in the form of thunderbirds, the sun, the moon, animals and birds, trees, and various tribal emblems. Swastikas, circles, geometrical designs, and the crude stick figures of men were also employed to decorate their pieces.

INDIAN LUCK One of the most fabulous pieces of luck can be well called "Indian luck." Many years ago, when the lands of the Indians were being taken away from them, the government needed a place to put these displaced persons. They did not want to give them good pasture lands or graze, because the American farmers and ranchers wanted this. And so they found a stony section of rocky land in Oklahoma. Here in Osage County were put the Indians whose fertile lands had been taken from them.

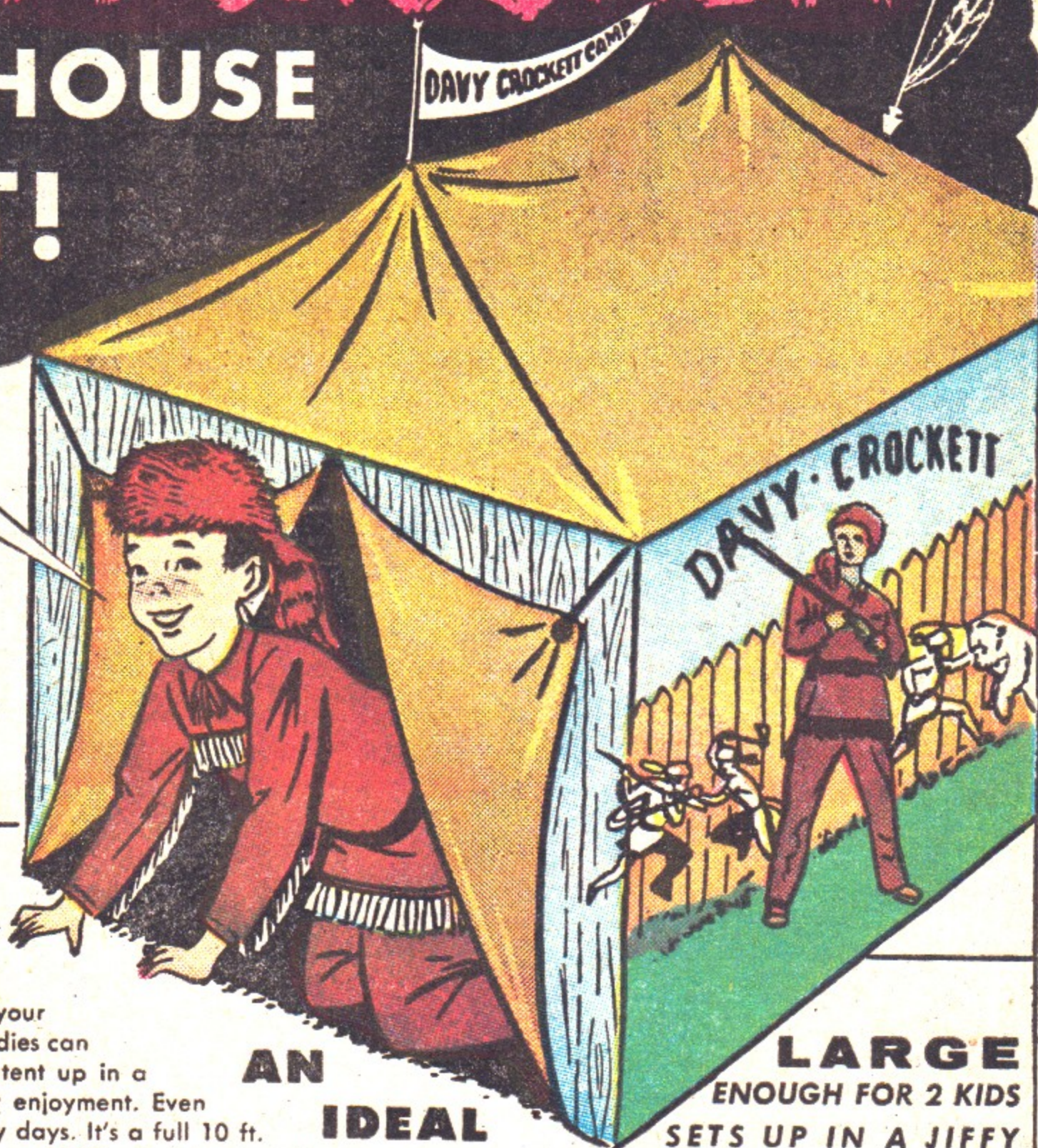
Time passed. The Indians scratched at the gravelly ground that could not produce enough food to keep them healthy.

Then one day, they discovered oil on these Indian lands. Oil companies poured money in fabulous amounts into their hands. From poverty, the Indians rocketed to vast fortunes. Millionaires they became, all of them!

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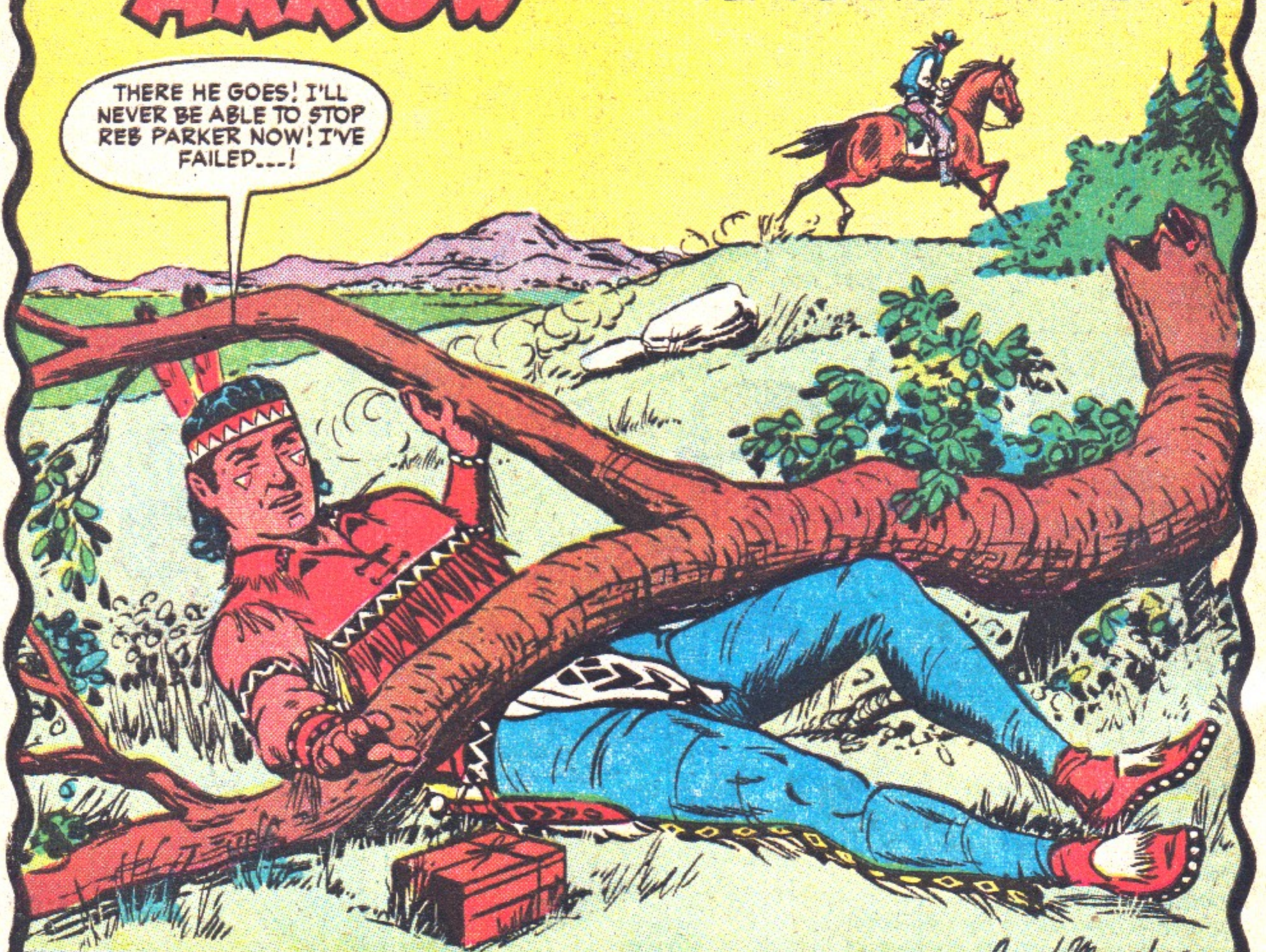
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THERE HE GOES! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP **REB PARKER** NOW! I'VE FAILED...!



Fred Meagher

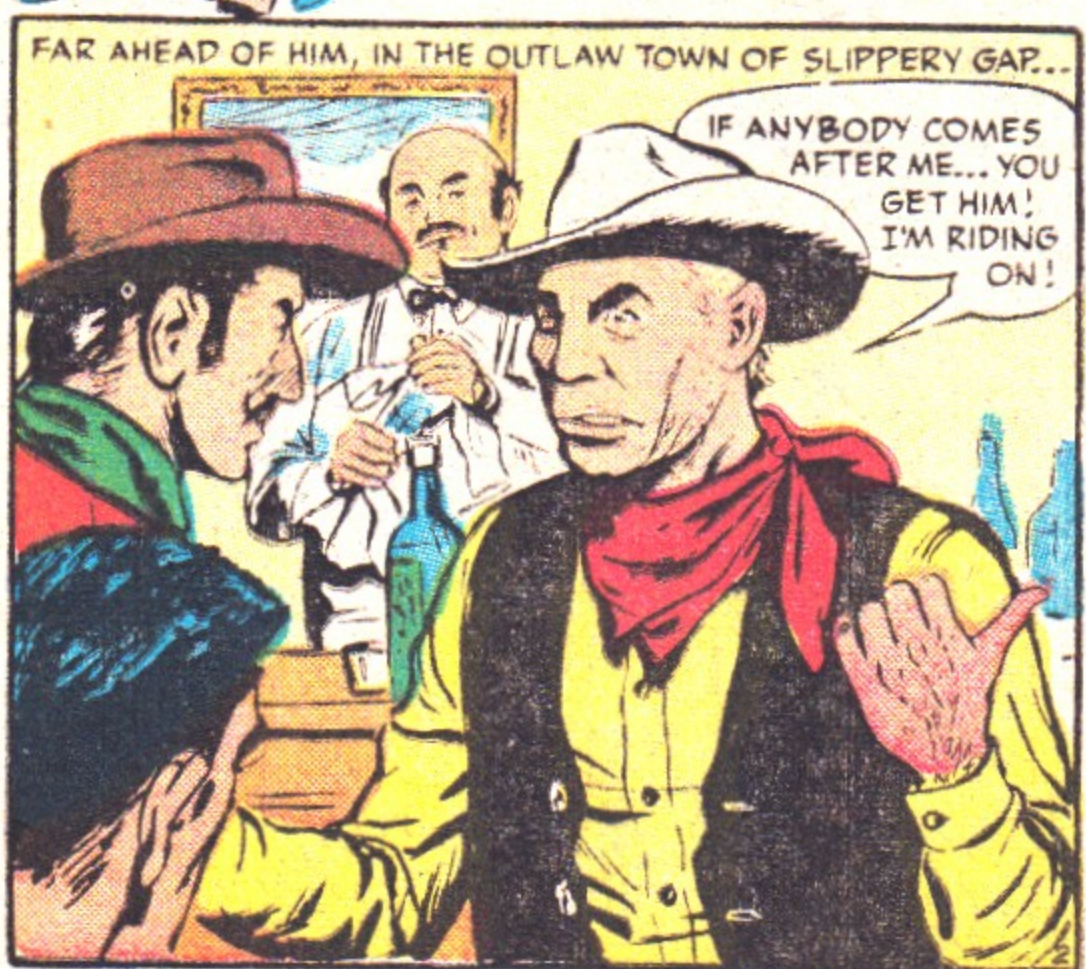
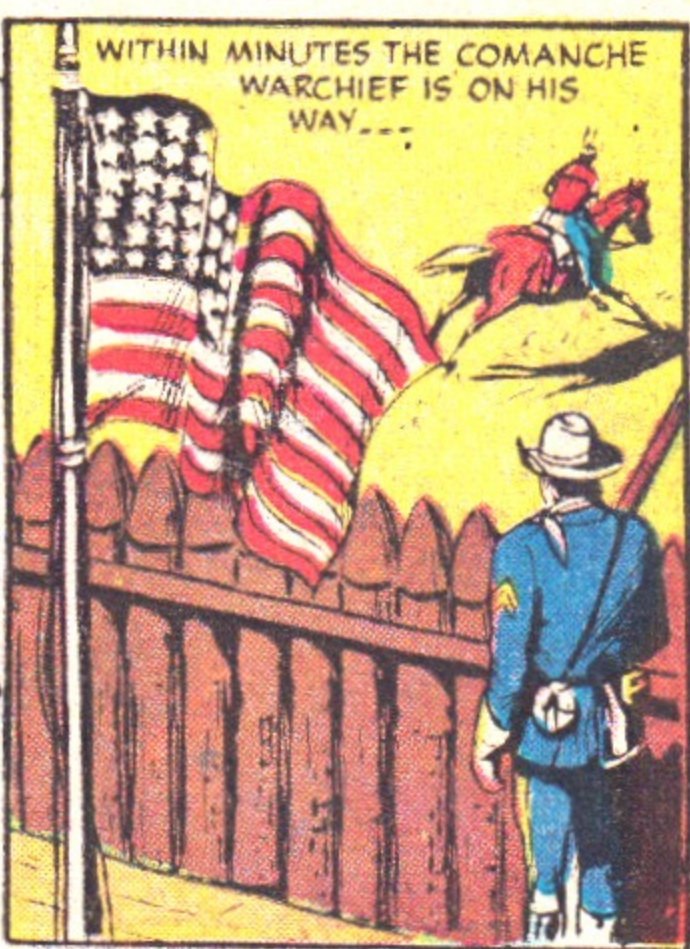
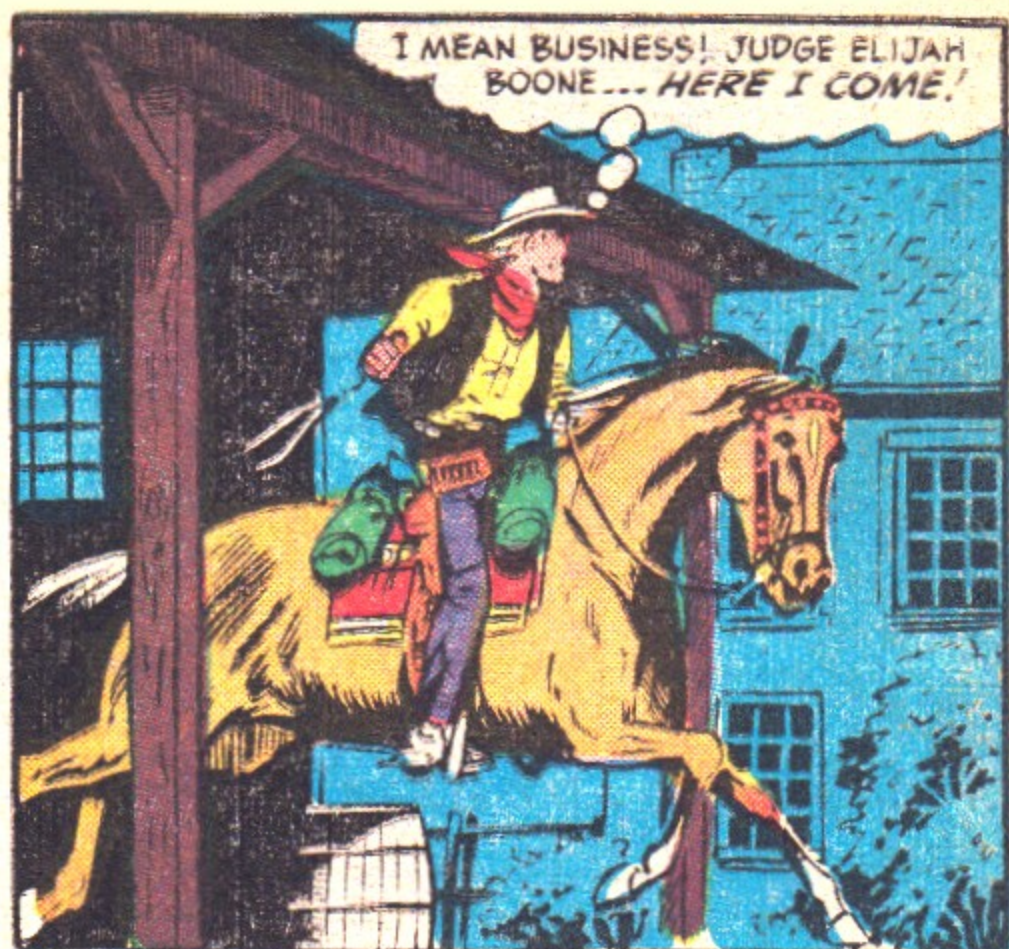
MIDNIGHT... AT THE TERRITORIAL JAIL. A DARK FIGURE SLIPS THROUGH THE SHADOWS AND LEAPS...

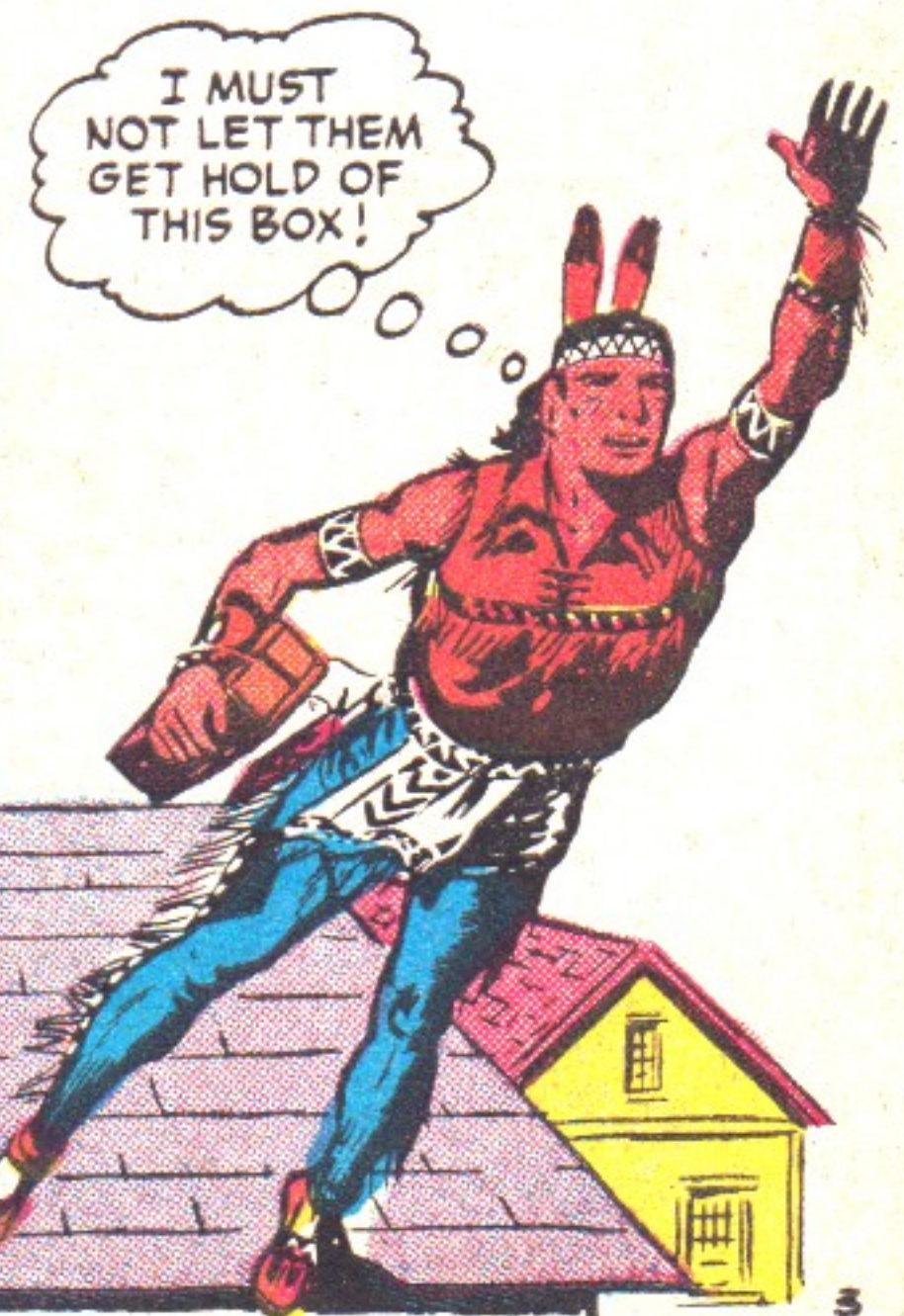
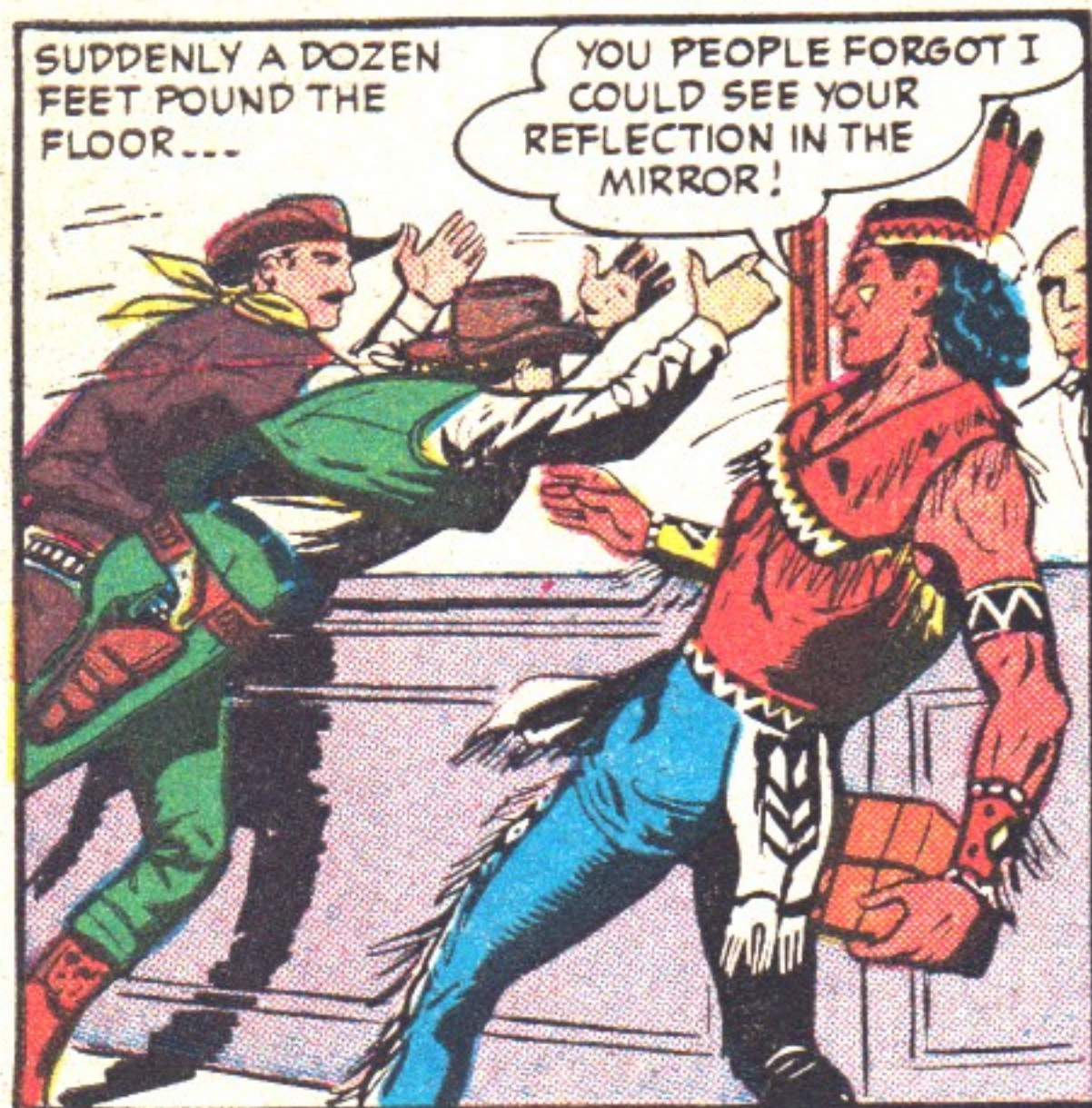
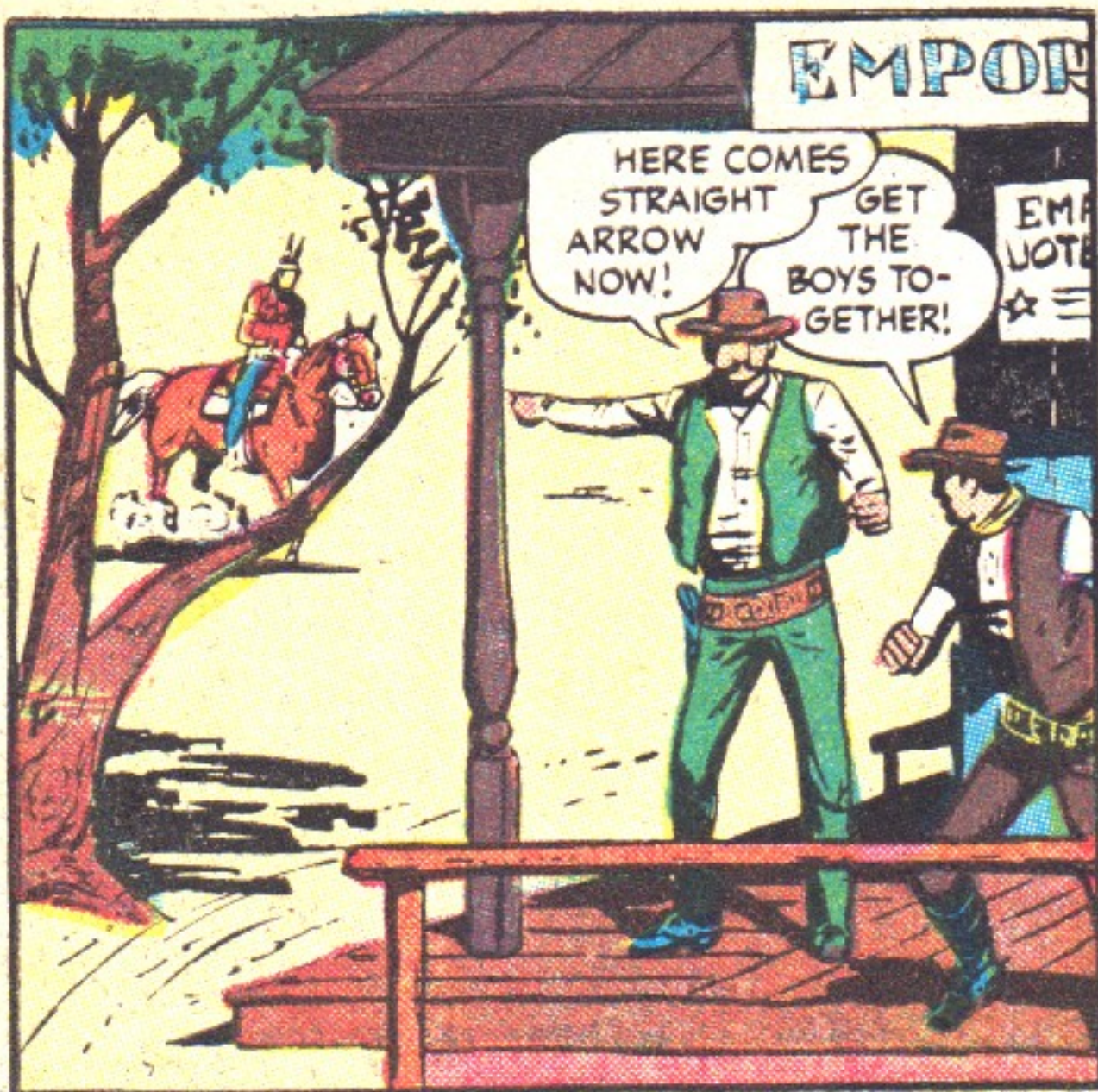


MADE IT!

WHEN JUDGE BOONE SENTENCED ME TO A JAIL TERM... I SWORE REVENGE! NOW I'M ON MY WAY TO GET EVEN!



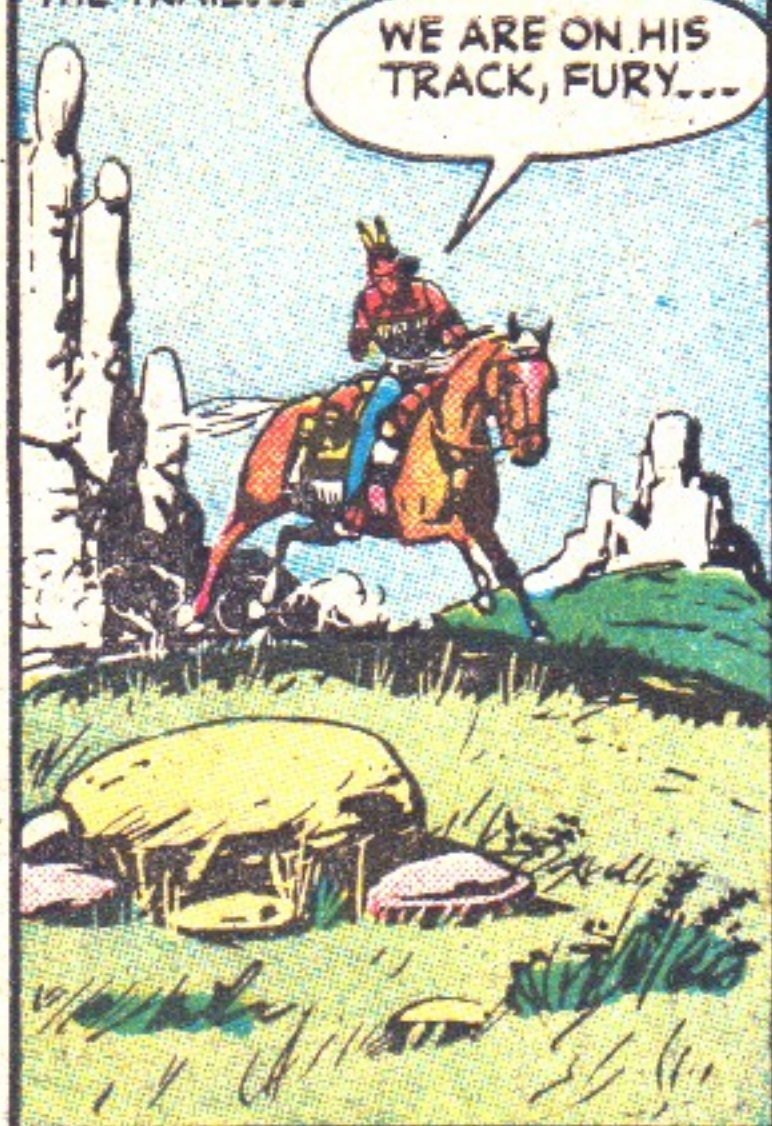




BREAKING HIS FALL BY A ONE-HAND CLUTCH OF A TAUT CLOTHESLINE, HE DROPS ONTO FURY!



SOME DISTANCE OUTSIDE TOWN, THE GREAT COMANCHE PICKS UP THE TRAIL...

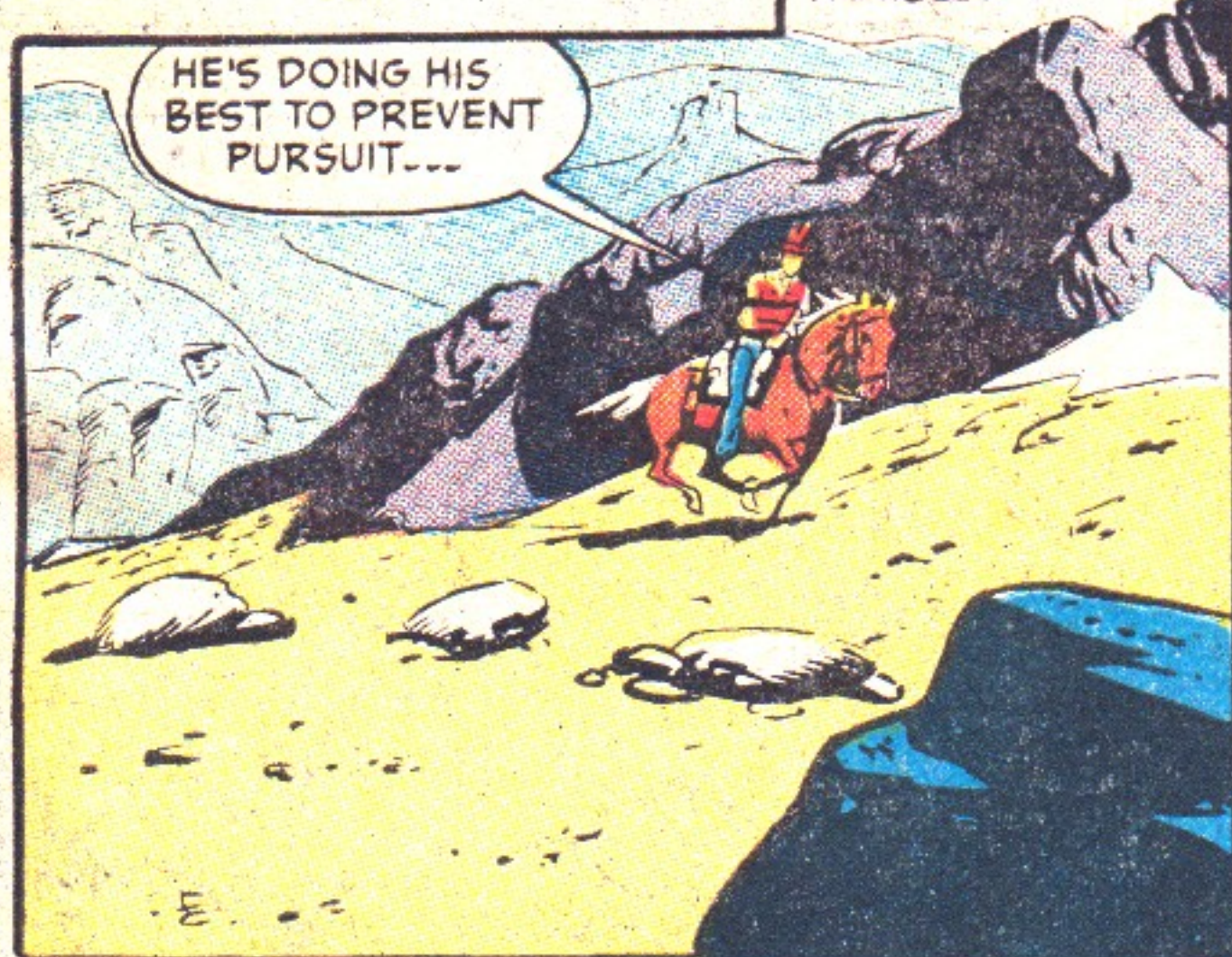


THE HOOFPRIENTS LEAD HIM FAR OUT ONTO THE WHITE, DAZZLING SALT FLATS...

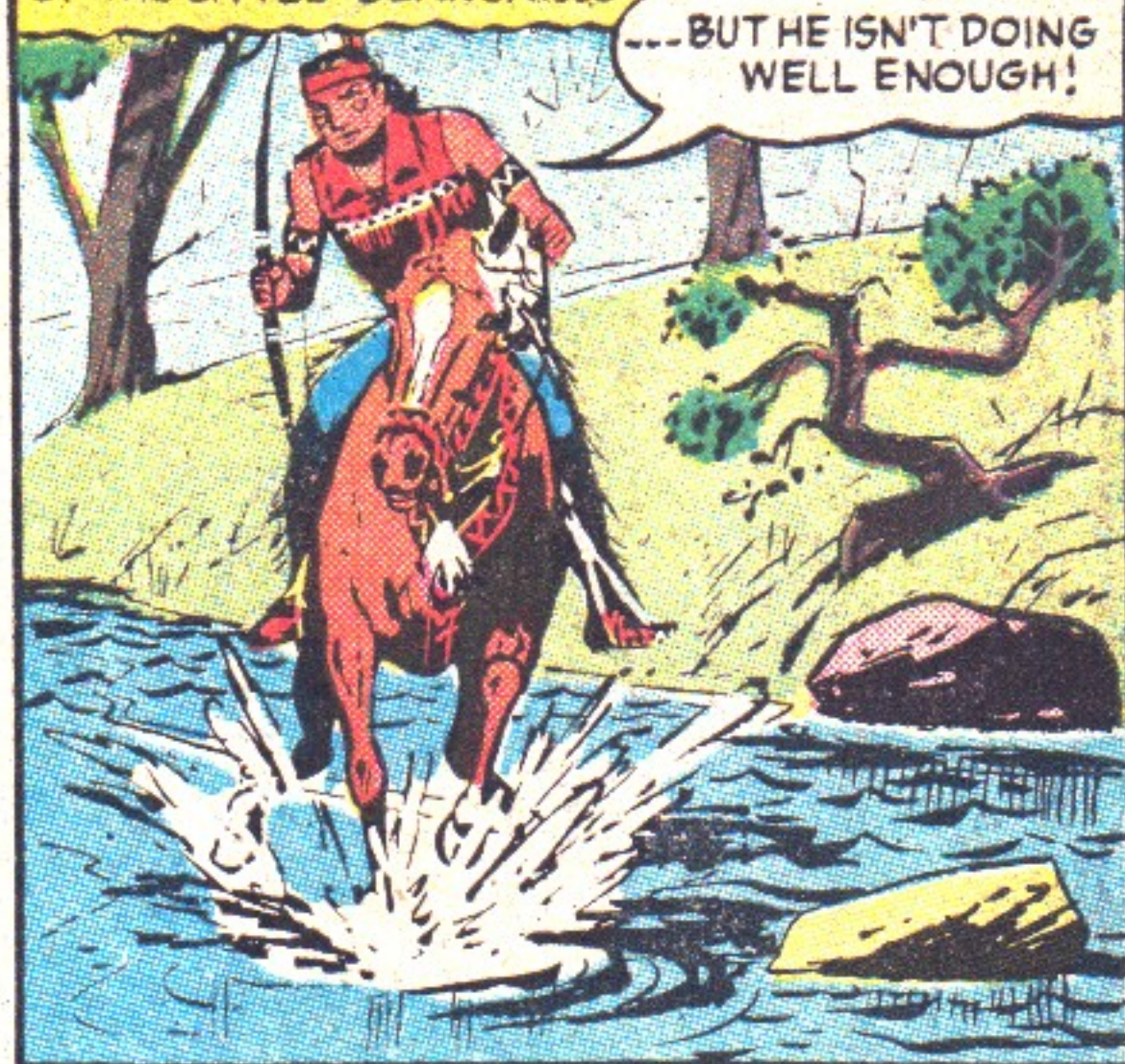
LET US HOPE WE CAN *STAY* ON IT!



UP OVER THE HIGH HILLS GOES THE TRAIL...

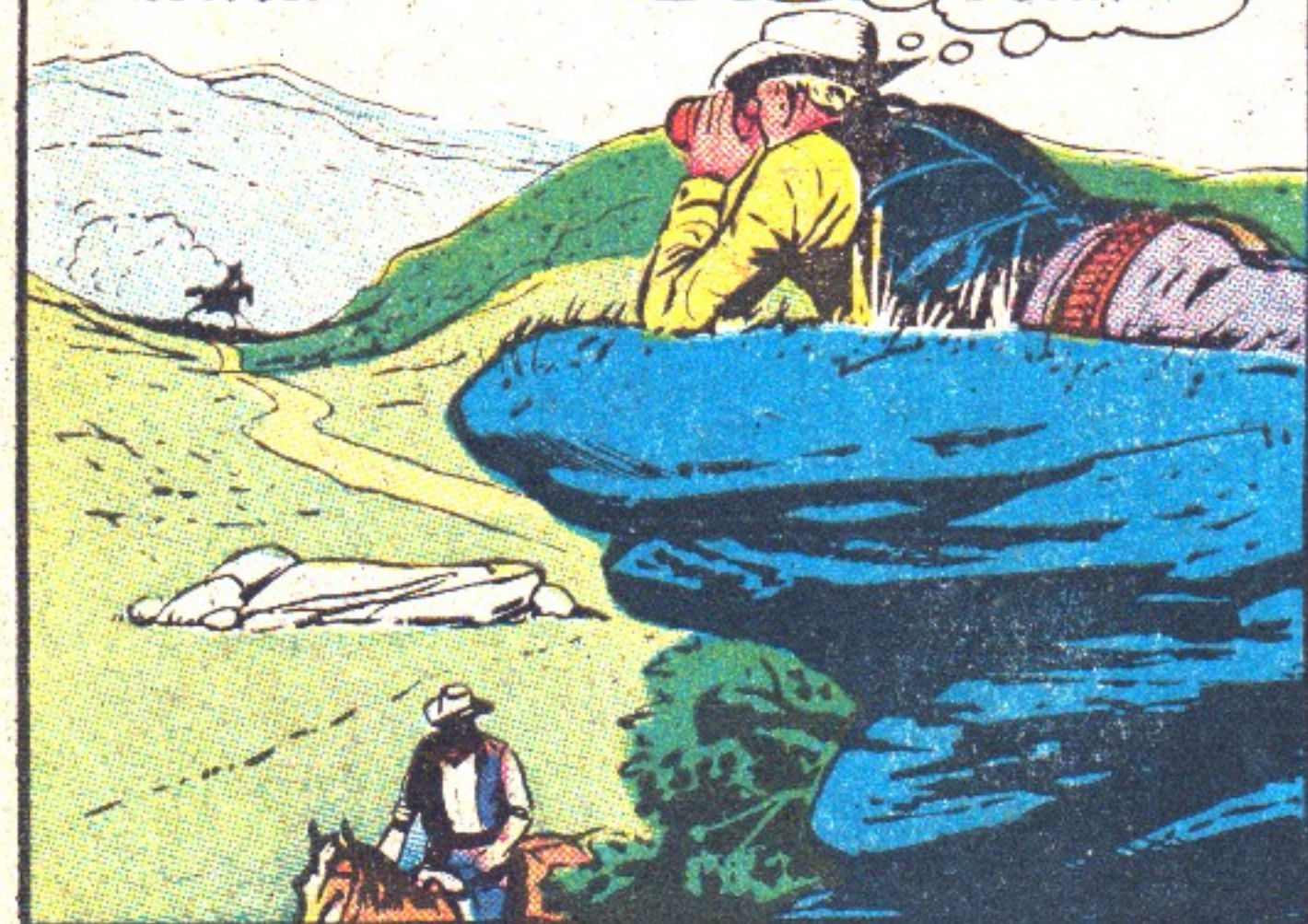


THE HOOFPRIENTS CUT ACROSS THE CREEK BOTTOMS OF THE LITTLE BEARCAT...

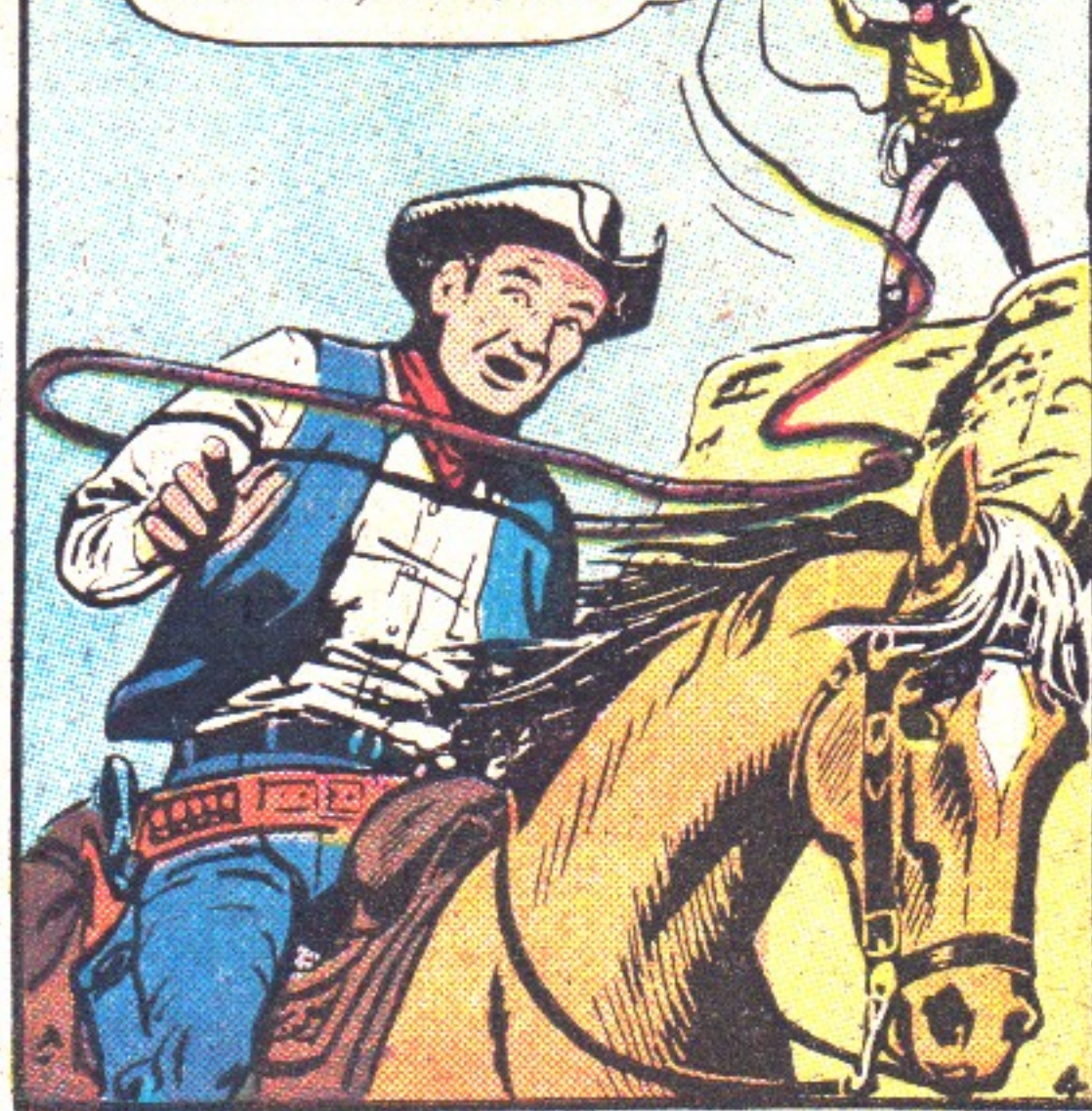


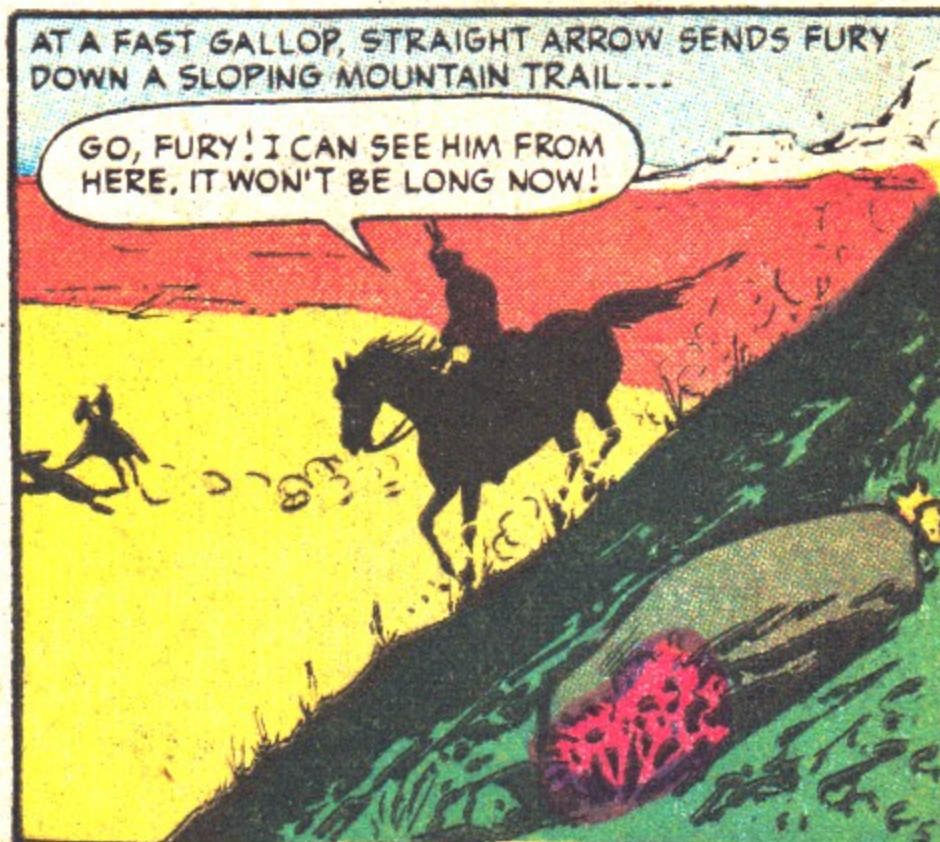
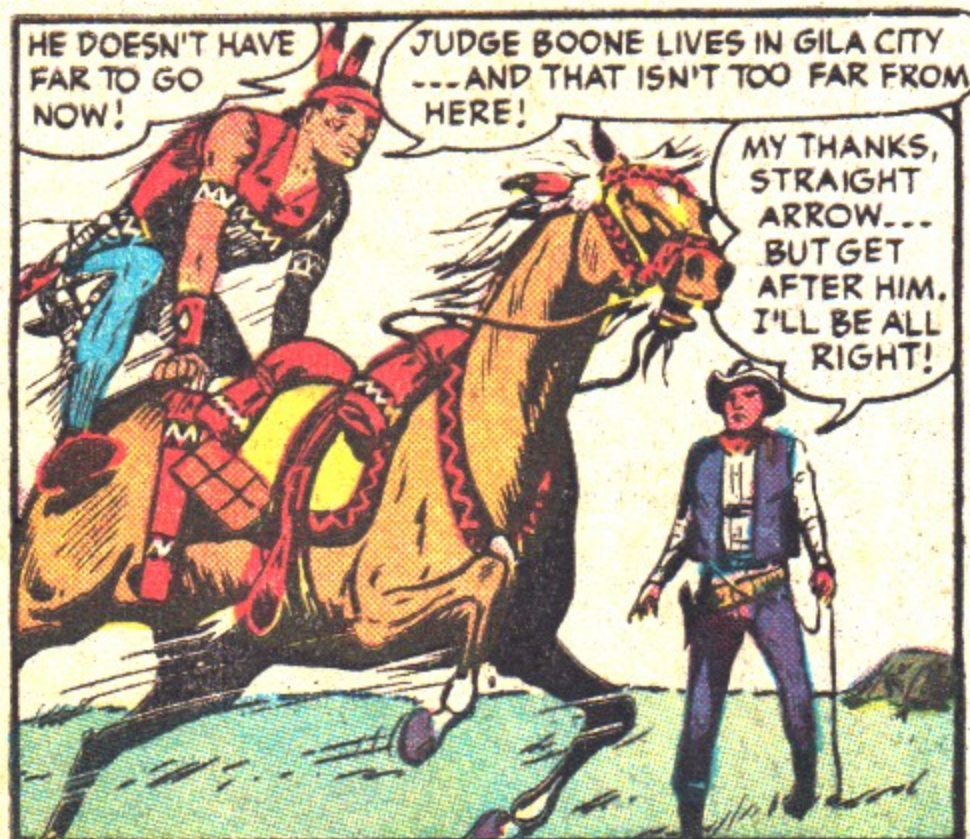
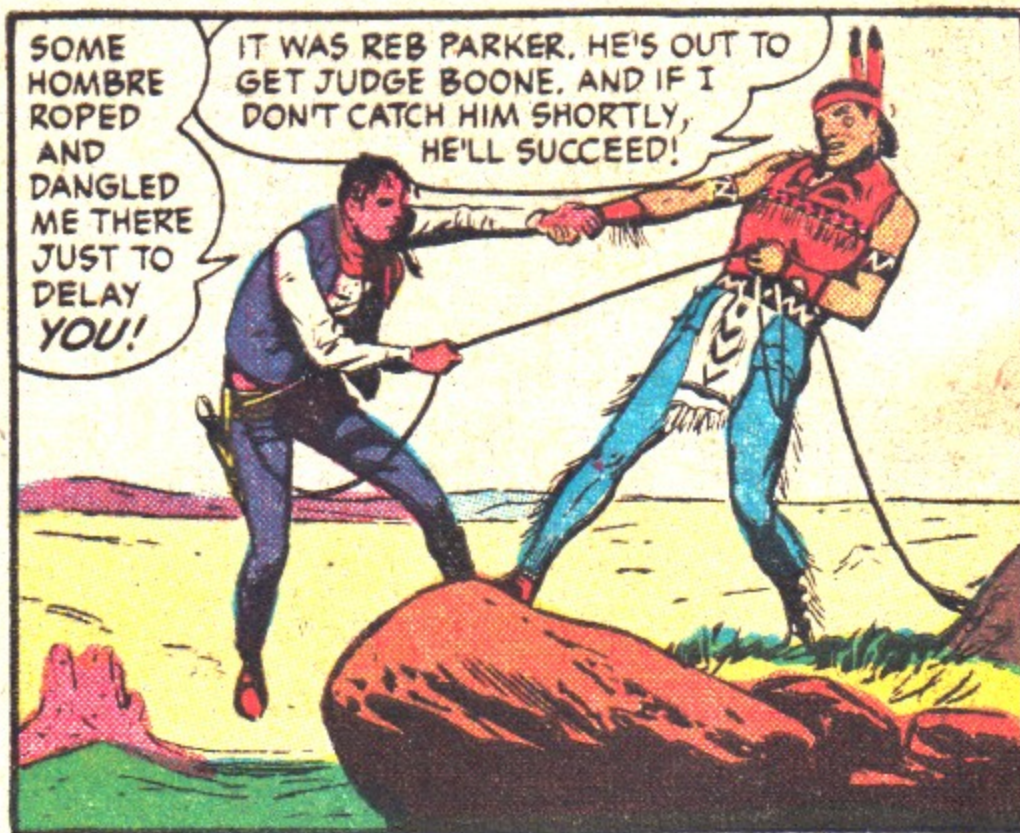
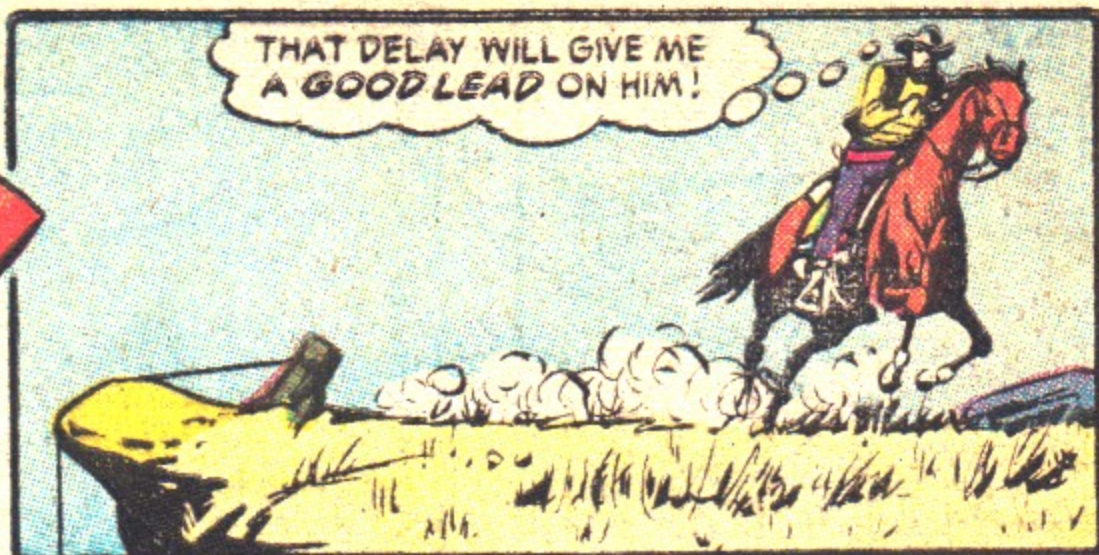
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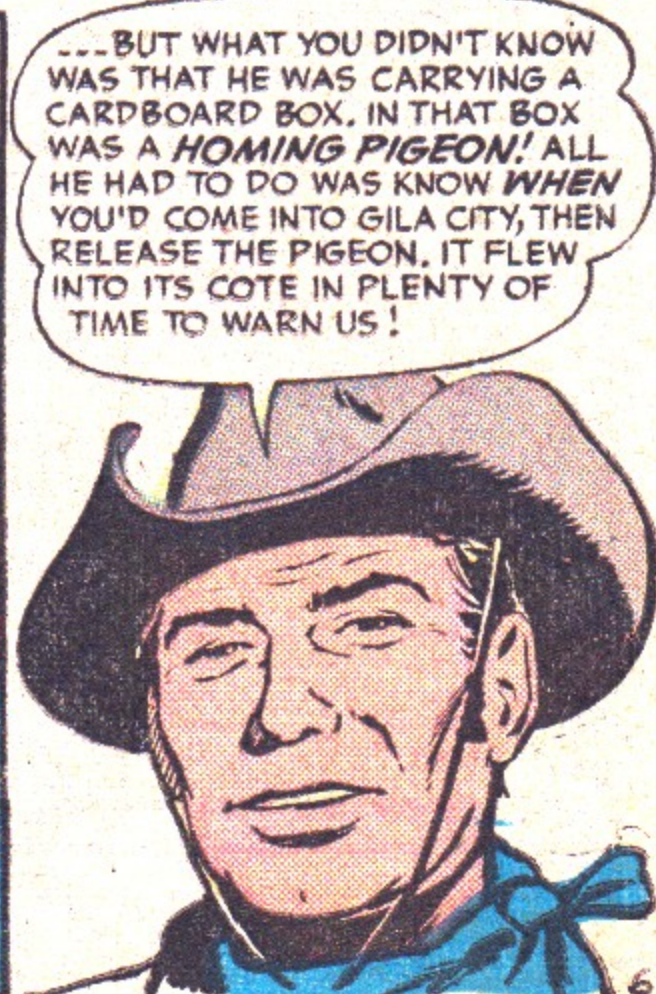
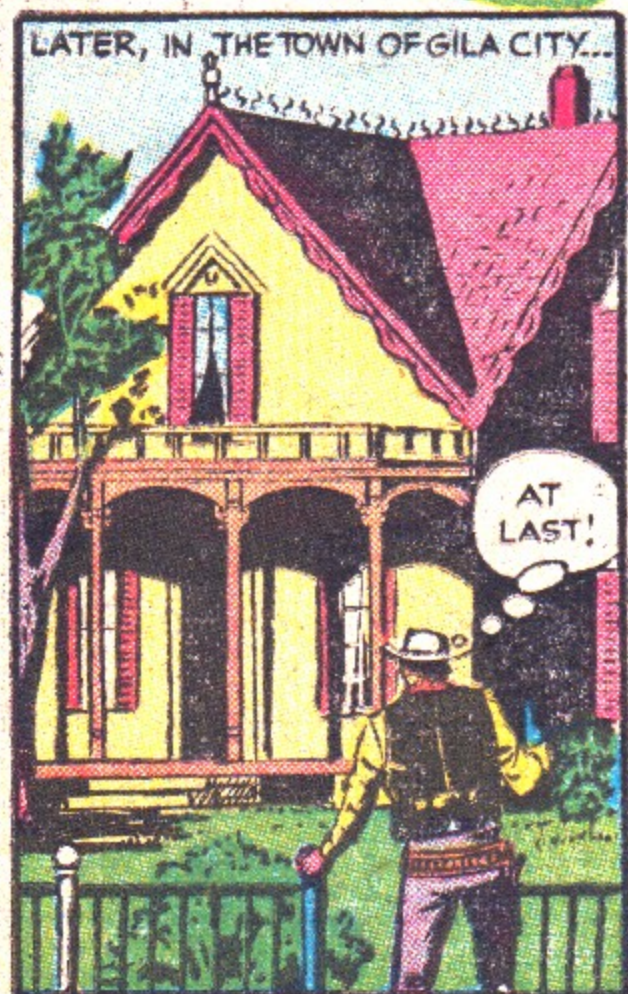
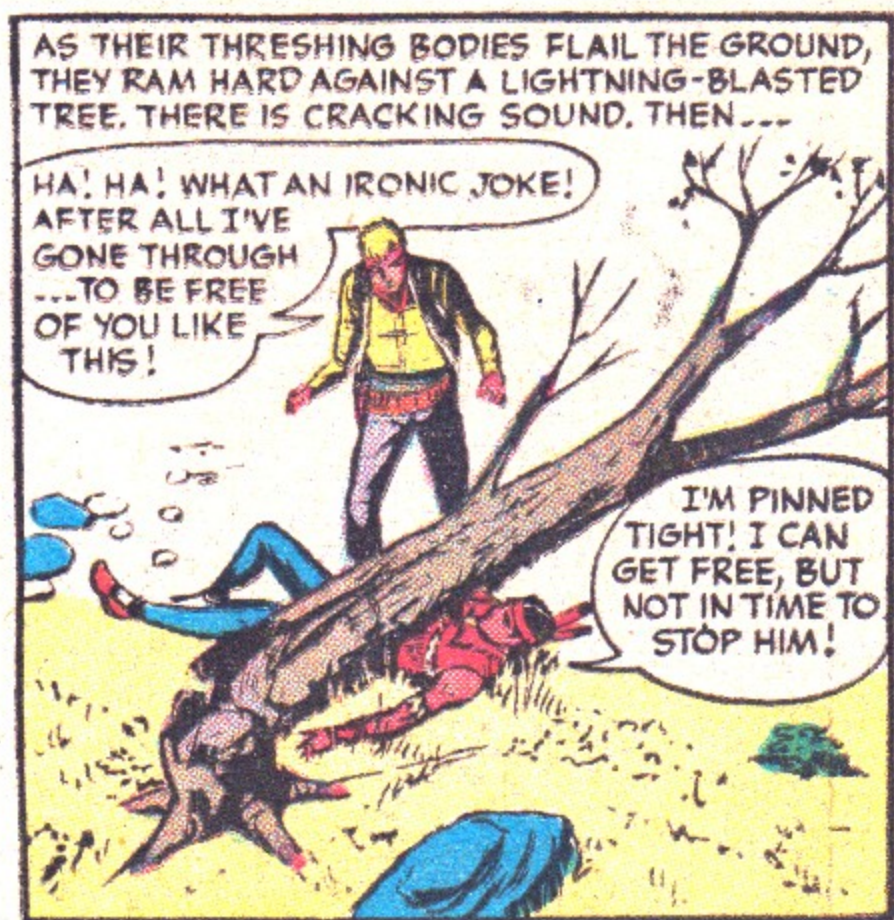
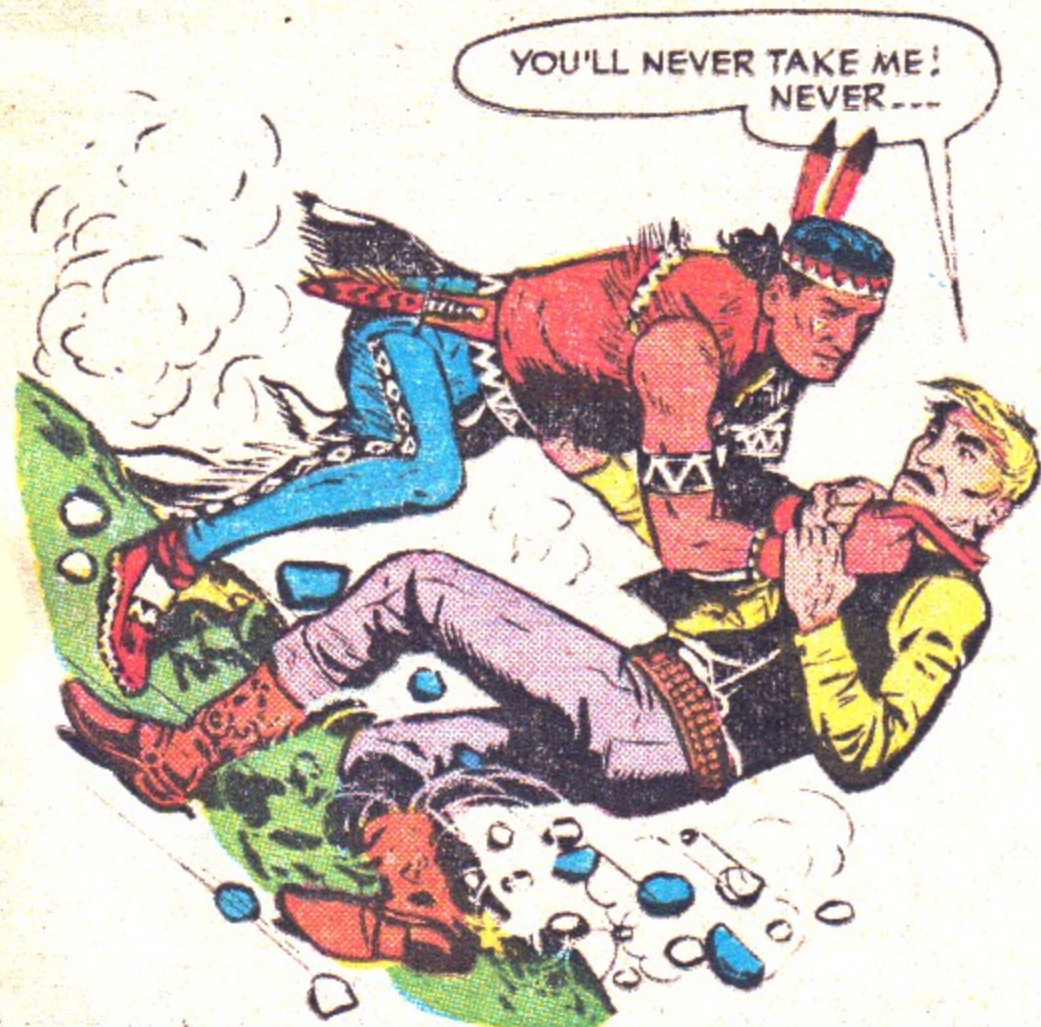
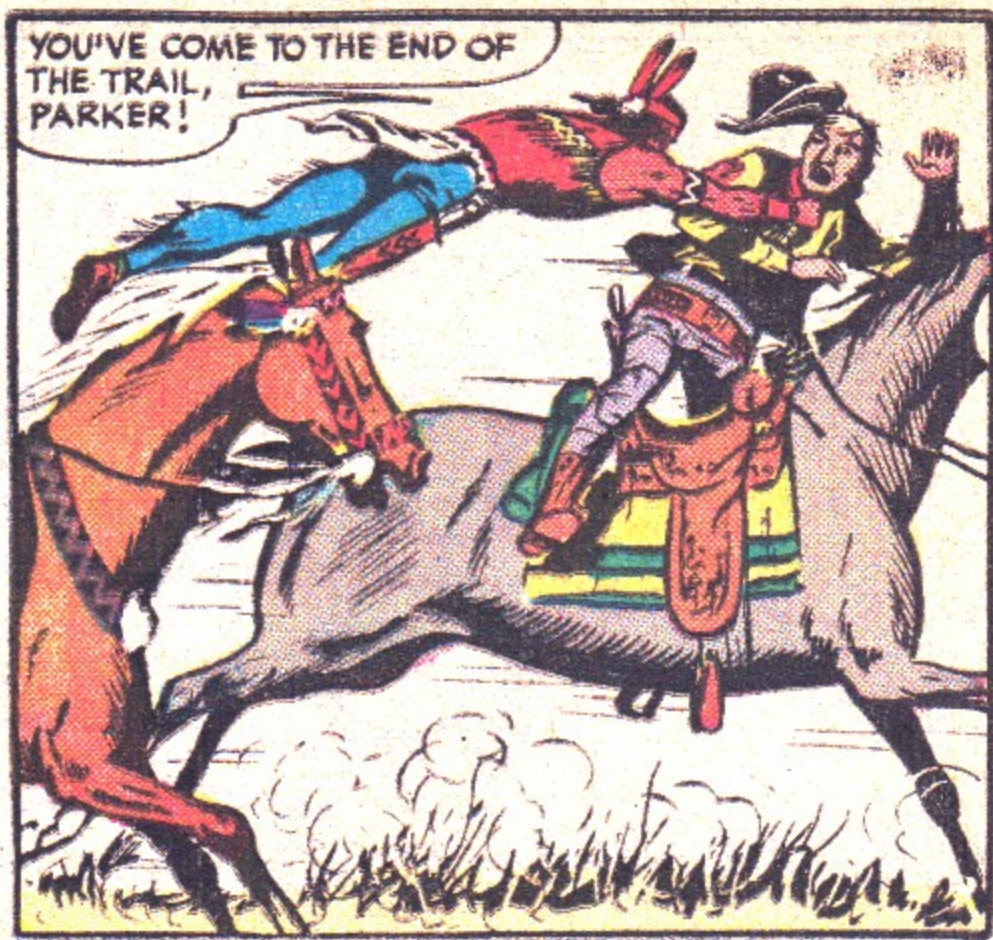
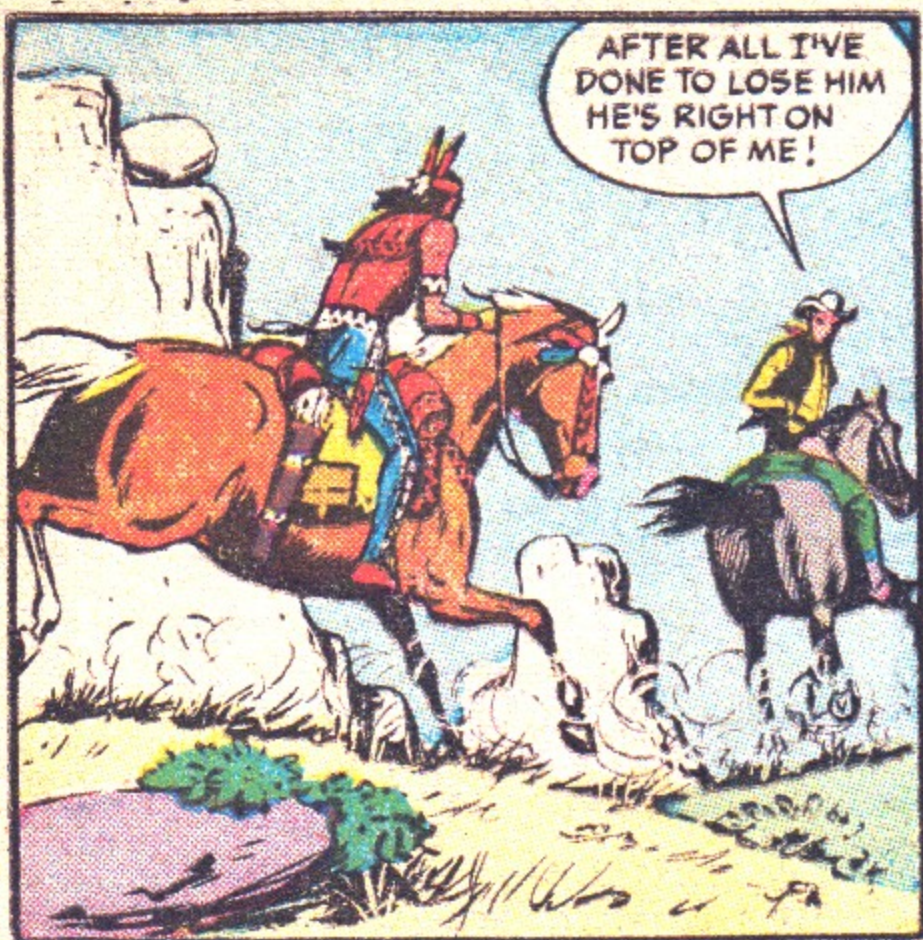
HE'S LIKE A MUSTARD PLASTER, STICKING ON MY TRAIL! IF I CAN'T LOSE HIM... AT LEAST MEBBE I CAN *SLOW HIM DOWN*...

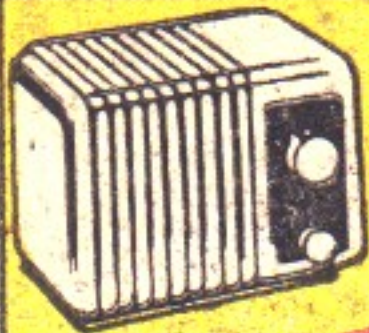


I'LL NEED *YOU* TO HELP ME, HOMBRE!





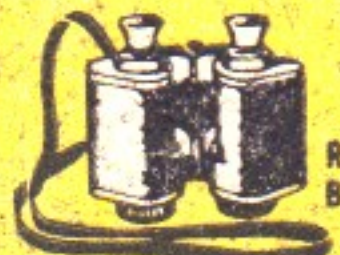




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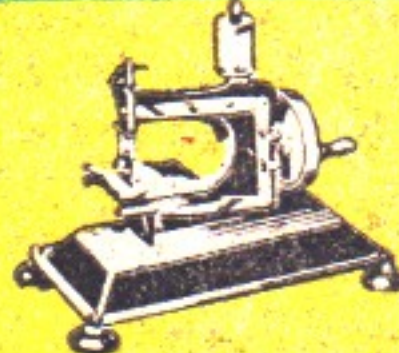


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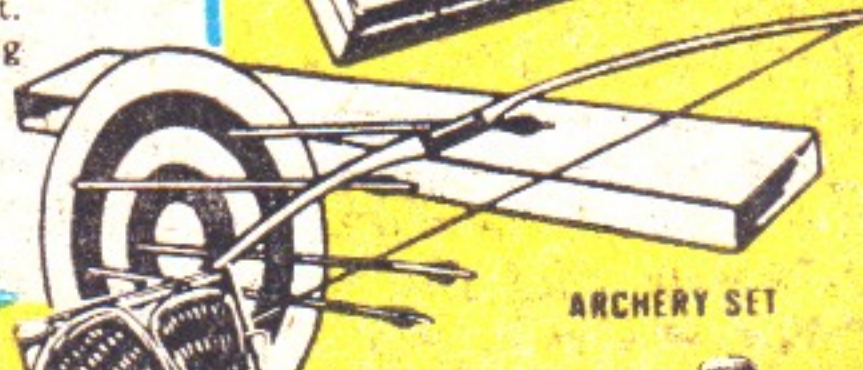
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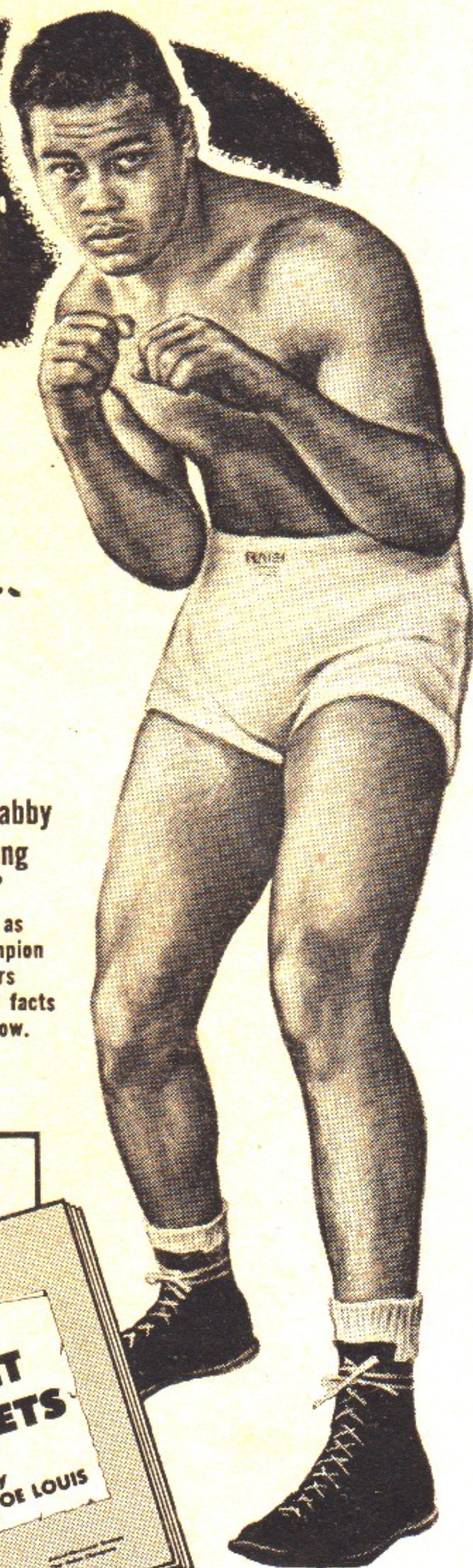
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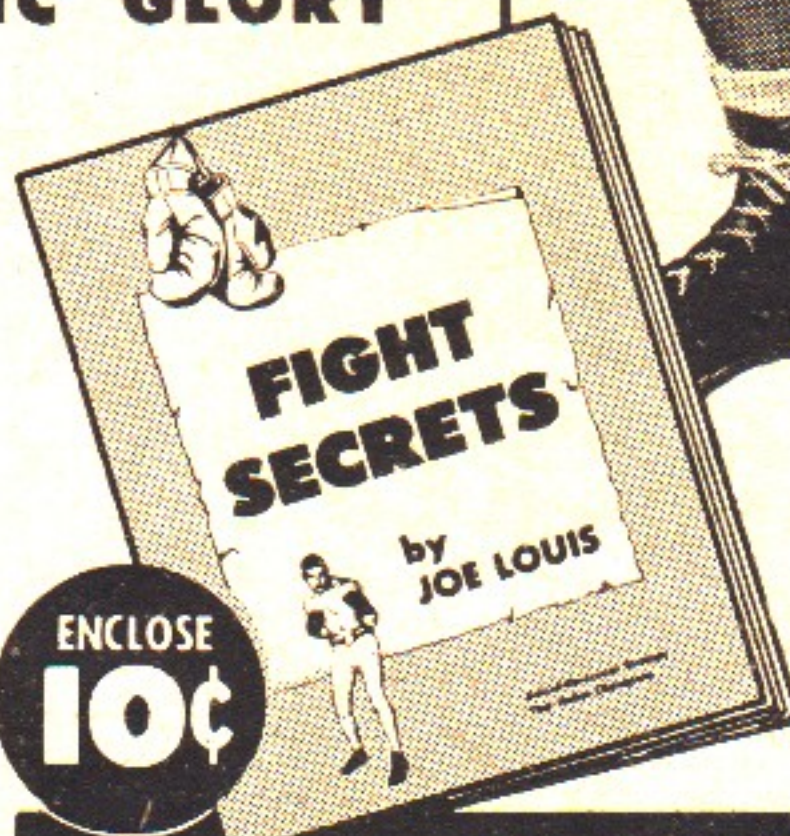
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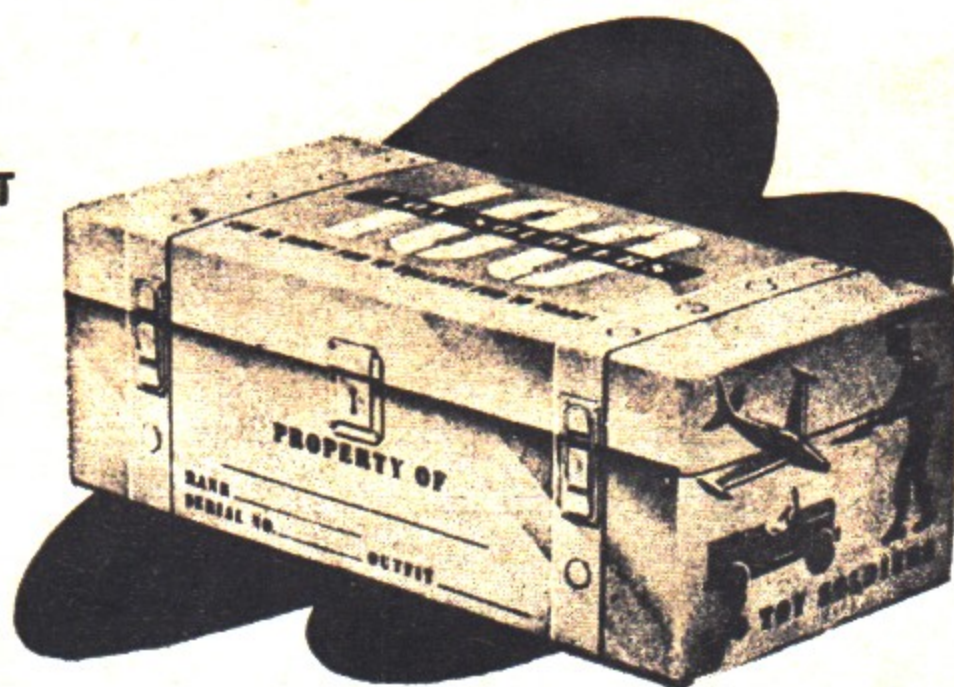
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